

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS

of the Town of

DIGHTON



Year Ending December 31, 1973

GENERAL INFORMATION

OPEN MEETING LAW — CHAP. 626, ACTS, 1958

Meetings of every district, city and town board, commission and school committee shall be open to public and to press (unless in executive session). A notice of such meetings must be filed at least twenty-four hours prior with the clerk of the district or town. (A regular schedule of meetings filed in advance is permissible.) Accurate records of all meetings shall be maintained setting forth action taken. A summary of all matters voted shall be made available with reasonable promptness after each meeting. The records shall become a public record and available to the public upon being approved. (For information on executive sessions and emergencies check law with Town Clerk.)

The town offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., and the office of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector is also open Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen and Health, and the Assessors meet in their offices Wednesday evenings at 7:30 P.M.

The School Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the School Committee room.

The Planning Board regularly meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. and Special Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Office Building.

Telephone Numbers:

Fire Department: 669-6767

Ambulance: 669-6767

Police Department: 669-6711

Selectmen's Office: 669-6431

Welfare Department: 823-2471

Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector: 669-5411

Assessors Office: 669-5043

Public Library: 669-6421

School Nurse: 824-4491

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

			Term
Board of Selectmen	Address	Telephone	Expires
Rudolph C. Christenson, Ch.	Dighton	669-2823	1975
Francis J. Torres	No. Dighton	824-7628	1974
Edward J. Santos	No. Dighton	669-5654	1976
Board of Health			
Edward J. Santos, Ch.	No. Dighton	669-5654	1976
Francis J. Torres	No. Dighton	824-7628	1974
Rudolph C. Christenson	Dighton	669-2823	1975
Town Clerk			
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset	669-5538	1974
Town Collector			
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset	669-5538	1974
Town Treasurer			
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset	669-5538	1974
Moderator			
George Ball	No. Dighton	669-5007	1974
Assessors			
Harold Mendoza, Ch.	No. Dighton	824-6177	1976
Howell S. Carr	Dighton	669-5943	1975
Leo T. Pivirotto	No. Dighton	824-4998	1974
Tree Warden			
Alfred M. Perry	Dighton	669-5461	1974

School Committee

Charles E. McKenna, Ch.	Dighton	669-5738	1975
Louise Staples, Sec.	Dighton	669-5549	1975
Maynard F. Horton, Jr.			
Fin. Sec.	No. Dighton	824-5605	1976
Nicholas T. Santore	No. Dighton	669-5078	1976
Richard F. Simmons	No. Dighton	822-6791	1974
Henry D. Descoteaux	No. Dighton	823-3463	1974
Robert S. McConville	No. Dighton	823-1333	1974

Planning Board

Hans Paulsen, Ch.	No. Dighton	823-1685	1975
Frank N. Alves, Jr.	Dighton	669-5553	1977
Victor Buote	Dighton	669-5069	1978
William Costa	No. Dighton	669-5719	1976
George A. Perry			
(Appointed 4/11/73)	No. Dighton	669-5600	1974

Trustees of Public Library

Wilma Schultz	No. Dighton	822-6644	1976
Joseph C. Hathaway	Dighton	669-5955	1974
Robert M. McGuirk	No. Dighton	822-6294	1975

Playground Commission

Norman Courcy, Ch.	Dighton	669-5580	1974
Ralph A. Woodward	No. Dighton	822-0767	1976
Clive E. Perrin, Jr.			1975

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Committee

David L. Phillips	No. Dighton	822-4458	1974
William R. Benson	No. Dighton	824-0223	1976

Housing Authority

Albert Reed, Asst. Treas.	Dighton	669-2721	1978
Frank Costa, Jr. Sec.	No. Dighton	669-5327	1977
Charles E. French, Ch.	No. Dighton	669-5519	1976
Norman LaFrance, Vice Ch.	No. Dighton	822-4700	1975
Richard S. Briggs, Treas.	Dighton	669-5166	1974

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Finance Committee

Richard Munsell, Chairman
Lester F. Allen, Vice Chairman
Janice Benson, Secretary
Robert H. Bradshaw
Malcolm Borden
Joseph Pacheco
William Turner

Board of Registrars

Frank R. Rogers, Clerk
Anna C. Simmons
Elliot Hathaway
Alice Souza

Board of Appeals

Frohman Anderson, Chairman
Joseph Lawrence
Robert Russell
Associate Members
Francis O'Connor
Thomas Wynn

Conservation Commission

Caryle Stonstrom, Chairman
Henry Burt, Vice Chairman
Rosemarie Buote, Secretary
Frances Crawford
Manuel Duarte, Jr.
John Evangelho, Jr.
William Frenette
Peter Winne, Assoc. Member

School Planning and Building Committee

George W. Ball, Chairman
Clifford A. Wood, Clerk
Joseph Lawrence
Mrs. Randall W. Hopkins
Mrs. R. Warren Perry
Philip R. Perra
Joachim C. E. Schult
Joseph Quintel, Jr.

Heritage Committee

Helen H. Lane, Town Historian, Chairman
Helen Brown, Secretary
Elaine Varley
Charles Harris

Cemetery Commission

Earl Hathaway
Helen Brown
Elaine Varley

Historical Commission

Charles Harris, Chairman
Robert McGuirk, Vice Chairman
Helen Lane, Asst. Sec.
Helen Brown
Dr. Rose Borges
Arthur Staples

Industrial Development Financing Authority

Joseph C. Murray, Ch.	1977
Frank R. Rogers, Sec.	1979
James F. Maguire	1978
Malcolm T. McCutcheon	1976 Vice Ch.
Russell C. Varley	1975

Committee to Consider Needs of the Fire Dept.

Myrna Adams
Mary Elizabeth Talbot
Percy Simmons
Clinton Rose
George Silvia
John Farrar
Robert Bradshaw

Industrial Commission

Joseph Coelho	1977
Richard Donahue	1976
Antone Roderick, Jr.	1975
Frank R. Rogers	1974
Hans Paulsen	1973

Council On Aging

Mrs. Mary L. Tedford, Chairman
Mrs. Bella M. Boucher, V. Chairman
Robert H. Leeming, Sec.-Treas.
Dr. Rose Borges
Francis P. McDermott
Percy B. Simmons

Bicentennial Committee

Helen A. Brown
Mrs. Henry Burt
Eunisa G. Wordell
Eleanor C. Roy
Charles W. Harris
Emily Pilling
Robert Ferreira
William Grover
Ellen B. Shaw
Helen H. Lane
Albert Reed
John Ingham
Charles E. French
Mrs. Janice Terry
Marion Harrison
Mrs. George E. Simmons
Mrs. Stella M. Horrocks
Frank R. Rogers

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

Fence Viewers: Howell S. Carr, Harold Mendoza, Leo T. Pivirotto

Civil Defense Director: Harold Gracia

Agents to the Board of Health: Leo A. Duffy, Frank R. Rogers

Burial Agent: Earl C. Hathaway

Inspector of Animals: John A. Berger

Constable — Somerset Water Works: John C. Nordeste, III

Clerk — Board of Selectmen, Health: Leah B. Crosby

Veterans Agent: Ralph M. Deane, Jr.

Harbor Master: Arnold B. Shaw

Assistant Harbor Master: Martin Bergstrom

Supt. Highway Dept. Alfred M. Perry

Local Supt. Insect Pest Control: Ruduloph C. Christenson

Town Forest Committee: William Andrews, Henry L. Burt, William Harrison, Randall Hopkins, Charles Leonard

Dog Officer: Antone Katon

Agent to the Board of Selectmen: Leo A. Duffy

Auctioneer: Frank R. Rogers

Town Accountant: Doris B. Hopkins

Special Police Officer — BCAS: Rene Ouellette

Gas Appliance Inspector: Leo A. Duffy

Sanitation Inspector: Leo A. Duffy

Public Weighers — ICI America Inc.: Arthur Gove, Alfonse Solitto

Conservation Commission: Rosemarie Buote, Henry L. Burt, Mrs. Frances Crawford, Manuel S. Duarte, Jr., John Evangelho, Jr. William Frenette, Caryle Stonstrom, Peter Winne — Assoc. Member

Electrical Inspector: Robert D. Bleau

Planning Board Member: George A. Perry

Constables: Frank R. Rogers, Karl K. Spratt, Jr.

Plumbing Inspector: Donald French

Assoc. Plumbing Inspector: John P. DeCambra

Building Inspector: Maynard F. Horton, Sr.

Historical Commission: Helen Brown, Helen Lane, Elaine Varley, Dr. Rose Borges, Charles Harris, Arthur C. Staples, Robert McGuirk

POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Chief of Police: Karl K. Spratt, Jr.

Sergeant: Antone R. Katon

Patrolmen: Manuel L. Sanson, Jr., Jon D. Bettencourt, Alfred Pacheco, Jr., Thomas M. Ferreira, Daniel L. Skelly

Reserve Police Officers: Frank N. Alves, Jr., Richard E. Babbitt, Manuel F. Botelho, Joseph Cordeiro, Jr., Kenneth Cummings, Robert L. Duarte, Roger S. Duarte, Robert F. Ferreira, A. David O'Connell, John Perry, Jr., Edward A. Pierce, Jr., William S. Raposa, William A. Rasmussen, Jr.

Special Police Officers: Anthony Andrews, William F. Ashcroft, Charles Brooks, Joseph Cordeiro, Norman E. Courcy, Cassius W. Cummings, William Duarte, Tobias Freitas, Charles E. Gracia, Walter E. Hamilton, Jr., Byron E. Haskins, Paul R. Joly, Charles H. Mason, Jr., Peter A. Michalenka, Ronald F. O'Connor, George A. Perry, Joseph R. Perry, Joseph Pimento, Jr., John E. Rasmussen, Donald E. Rose, Francis H. Rose, Richard A. Smith, Donald L. St. Pierre, Frank Virdinlia, Ronald Whitmore, Stephen Mendoza, Michael Koneski, John Hunt, Clayton B. Forgan, Gary T. Sanson

Policewomen: Carolyn M. Booth, Albertine L. Dwyer, Violet M. Horton, Janet B. Simmons

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Chief: Joseph T. White

Dep. Chiefs: Arnold F. Staples, Joseph Waller, Jr.

Firemen: Jeffrey J. Allie, Ronald Amarillo, William Ashcroft, Herbert Atwood, George W. Ball, Edward Bettencourt, Jon Bettencourt, Manuel Botelho, Alan Brightman, Everett Carr, Jr., Everett Carr, Sr., Howell Carr, Jr., Joseph Coelho, Raymond Costa, Timothy Costa, Michael Cusick, Ralph M. Deane, David Dupont, Edward Ferreira, Guy Fleck, William Fleming, Sr., Joseph R. Gailes, Harold Gracia, Walter Hamilton, Michael J. Harwood, Maynard Horton, Jr., Maynard Horton, Sr., Maurice Jutras, Antone Katon, John Katon, George Lavigne, Arthur Martin, Charles Mason, Jr., Russell J. Motta, A. David O'Connell, Richard Parchesco, Manuel Pavao, James H. Perry, Joseph Perry, Jr., Roger Perry, Wayne A. Perry, James M. Redfern, Albert Reed, Charles Richardson, Philip H. Rines, Jr., Philip H. Rines, Sr., Richard Rivet, Frederick A. Robinson, Jr., Clinton Rose, Francis Rose, Gilbert Rose, Jr., Charles Sears, Jr., Robert B. Sherman, Bruce Siedentopf, Alvin Silvia, Edward Silvia, Alfred F. Sousa, Karl Spratt, Jr., Ellis Strange, Jr., Raymond J. Sylvia, Peter K. Torres, Gregg J. Waller, Ralph Woodward, Gilbert H. Garnett, Douglas W. DeCastro, Joseph W. Fleck.

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Dighton:

The organizational meeting of the Board was held and Mr. Christenson was chosen as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Mr. Edward Santos, Chairman of the Board of Health; Mr. Francis Torres, Clerk of the Board of Health. Mrs. Leah Crosby was appointed Secretary to both Boards.

This year the Selectmen joined our neighboring Towns by going on summer schedule, whereby meetings were held every other week during July and August. Forty-seven (47) weekly meetings and several special meetings were held with other Town Boards and Committees to discuss and resolve matters of mutual interest.

Necessary hearings were held upon applications received for the various licenses as required. All transactions have been properly recorded and the many statutory requirements completed to the best of our knowledge and ability.

All Board members have participated in and attended all County Association meetings. Some members attended various governmental conferences on the Regional and State level where and when convenient, in an effort to obtain benefit of experience to better the Town.

All appointments of Town Officials and Committee's have been recorded with the Town Clerk together with the list of jurors and are contained in the Clerk's Annual Report. Annual Reports of the numerous Town Officers and Departments as required by law are contained in the 1973 Town Officers Report.

All special committee activity and reports are included in the record of the Town Clerk. All votes and orders of the Town Meeting have been accomplished.

We now have an Industrial Development Financing Authority which was formed and a Council on Aging was organized.

Five (5) meetings have been held between the Town of Dighton and Berkley with representatives from the firm of Saski, Dawson, DeMay Associates, Inc., of Watertown and the Environment Impact concerning a new bridge and corridor to span the Taunton River. The Selectmen of both Towns went on record favoring a new Bridge and Corridor connecting Routes 138 and 24.

The Dighton Berkley Bridge is still closed with repairs being made at a cost of \$206,000.00. Berkley to pay \$18,000.00 and Dighton \$23,000.00, and the Commonwealth to pay the cost of completing the project. Upon completion, which will be this summer, both Towns will take title to this bridge.

We express our appreciation and gratitude to the citizens, Town Officials and employees for their cooperation in the performance of their duty — especially to all Town employees, we recognize your everlasting loyalty and many services to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Rudolph C. Christenson
Francis J. Torres
Edward J. Santos

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Annual Town Meeting held at Town Hall March 12, 1973 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by George Ball, Moderator. Checkers were Elaine Varley, Hazel Reed, Anna Simmons and Irene Goulart. Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Francis J. Torres paid tribute to the following for their service to the Town:

George Perry — Planning Bd. Member from Oct. 13, 1965 to March 5, 1973. Eugene R. David — Planning Bd. Member from March 1, 1971 to March 5, 1973. Lois E. Siegle — Trustee of Public Library from March 2, 1970 to March 5, 1973. Barbara L. Heywood — Playground Commissioner from June 24, 1970 to Nov. 29, 1972. William G. Toll — Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District Committee from March 2, 1970 to March 5, 1973.

Also remembered was Wilfred A. Hathaway who passed away Jan. 10, 1972, a Planning Bd. Member from 1955 to 1958 and Member of the Town Forest Committee from 1956 to 1972.

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Janice Benson that the reports of the Town Officials as printed and published in the Annual Town Report be accepted.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Janice Benson that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Town Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

(4) VOTED: On motion of Richard Munsell that the Town Treasurer be bonded in the amount of \$52,900, the Town Collector be bonded in the amount of \$58,700 and the Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,500 to satisfy the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 41 and Section 13, Chapter 60 of the General Laws.

(5) VOTED: On motion of Robert T. Roy that the Town raise and appropriate \$39,053.67 for the purpose of defraying the costs of the Town's share of the capital expenses for the fiscal period ending June 30, 1974 of the Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District.

(6) VOTED: On motion of Robert T. Roy that the Town raise and appropriate \$758,515.06 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Town's share of the operating expenses for the fiscal period ending June 30, 1974 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(7) VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate; raise and appropriate and transfer under the Public Library Account, and Police Department, the following sums necessary to defray Town charges and assessments as approved by the Finance Committee.

<i>Account</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Maker of Motion</i>
1. Interest on Revenue Loan	13,500.00	Frank Rogers
2. School Department	1,202,693.54	Charles McKenna
3. Public Library		
R & A	6,169.12	Robert McGuirk, Amend.
Approp. & Transfer	2,692.38	by Francis Torres
Total	8,861.60	
4. Board of Health	13,180.00	Rudolph Christenson
5. Ambulance Maintenance	3,434.00	Joseph White
6. Care of Town Dumps	18,450.00	Rudolph Christenson
7. Fire Department	34,437.63	Joseph White
8. Police Department		
R & A	98,292.09	
Approp. & Transfer	35,000.00	R.S.
Total	133,292.09	Karl K. Spratt, Jr.

9. Civil Defense	2,625.00	Harold Gracia
10. Hydrant Rental	2,955.00	Joseph White
11. Town Insurance	43,412.10	Francis Torres
12. Contr. Group Ins.	30,000.00	Francis Torres
13. Brush Control	600.00	Edward Santos
14. Cemeteries—Public Prop.	1,200.00	Edward Santos
15. Chapter 81—Highway Fund	7,946.00	Edward Santos
16. Chapter 90—Maintenance	2,000.00	Rudolph Christenson
17. Care of Town Elms	3,000.00	Rudolph Christenson
18. Insect Pest Control	1,084.02	Rudolph Christenson
19. Shade Tree Account	1,000.00	Francis Torres
20. Sidewalk Maintenance	1,500.00	Francis Torres
21. Highway Department	146,300.00	Alfred Perry
22. Berkley-Dighton Bridge	1,200.00	Francis Torres
23. Assessors Department	21,054.00	Harold Mendoza
24. Elections & Registration	5,150.00	Frank Rogers
25. Finance Committee	55.00	Richard Munsell
26. Selectmen's Department	10,125.00	Francis Torres
27. Tax Title Account	2,550.00	Frank Rogers
28. Tax Possession Account	150.00	Frank Rogers
29. Town Accountant	11,560.00	Doris Hopkins
30. Town Clerk	8,479.00	Frank Rogers
31. Town Collector	12,557.00	Frank Rogers
32. Town Conservation	300.00	Henry Burt
33. Town Office Account	16,097.00	Edward Santos
34. Town Treasurer	8,222.00	Frank Rogers
35. Town Planning Board	16,035.00	Clive Perrin
36. Civic Center Maintenance	1,140.00	Rudolph Christenson
37. County Retirement Fund	32,955.00	Rudolph Christenson
38. Dog Officer	3,000.00	Antone Katon
39. Memorial Day Observance	400.00	Francis Torres
40. Playground & Recreation	10,229.00	Norman Courcy
41. Veterans Account	61,000.00	Ralph Deane
42. Industrial Commission	300.00	Edward Santos
43. Board of Appeals	450.00	Edward Santos
44. Town Counsel	7,500.00	Rudolph Christenson
45. Electrical Inspector	2,250.00	Rudolph Christenson
46. Communications Center	29,700.00	Francis Torres
47. State Retirement	1,779.78	Francis Torres
48. Rubbish Contract	28,541.64	Rudolph Christenson

(8) See Reconsidered Article 8 Mar. 13, 1973

(8) VOTED: On motion of Richard Munsell that the salaries of the elected Town Officials as appropriated within the Departmental Accounts be established for the fiscal period ending June 30, 1974 as follows:

Board of Assessors —

Chairman	1,984.50
Clerk	5,216.00
Others (2)	3,672.00

Board of Selectmen —

Chairman	2,400.00
Others (2)	2,400.00

Moderator	150.00
School Committee Secretary	37.50
Town Clerk	3,600.00
Town Collector	5,400.00
Town Treasurer	3,500.00
Tree Warden	150.00

(9) VOTED: On motion of Maynard Horton, amended by Robert McConville, that the Town appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 for a lease purchase agreement over a three year period; for two relocatable classrooms, payable in three increments of \$25,000.00, \$20,000.00 and \$20,000.00 in each fiscal period.

(10) VOTED: On motion of Maynard Horton that the Town raise and appropriate \$73.76 for the purpose of satisfying a decision by the United States Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, in regards to overtime wage payments for School Department Custodians.

(11) VOTED: On motion of Joseph White that the town transfer from Revenue Sharing \$34,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new 1974 Fire Truck and that the Chief of the Fire Department with the approval of the Selectmen and the Finance Committee, dispose of a 1952 Reo Tank Truck and the 1939 Dodge Brush Truck in the best interest of the Town.

(12) VOTED: On motion of Karl Spratt, Jr. that the Town transfer from Revenue Sharing \$4,200.00 for the purchase of one new 1973 motor vehicle with accessories and equipment for the use of the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 1971 Police Department vehicle as a trade value in the purchase of same.

(13) VOTED: On motion of Alfred Perry that the Town transfer from Revenue Sharing \$7,500.00 for the purchase of one new 1973 Truck with accessories and equipment for the use of the Highway Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 1961 vehicle as a trade value in the purchase of the same.

(14) VOTED: On motion of Alfred Perry that the Town transfer from Revenue Sharing \$3,500.00 for the purpose of repairing the roof of the present Highway Garage.

(15) No Passed

(16) Not Passed

(17) VOTED: On motion of Henry Burt that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 to be used by the Conservation Commission and Planning Board for the purpose of making a Land Use Study.

(18) VOTED: On motion of Henry Burt that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for the use of the Conservation Commission to engage professional services as they deem necessary.

Report given by Harold Mendoza on Revaluation.

(19) VOTED: On motion of Howell S. Carr that the Town vote to authorize the assessors to enter into a contract for an expert appraisal of the taxable property within the town as provided under Section 4 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1966, and to vote for the payment of the charges incurred under these contracts by transferring \$16,186.00 from Revenue Sharing and transferring \$8,814.00 from Free Cash.

Report given by William Costa as follows:

“At the public hearing held March 1, 1973, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section VI, on the amendments to the Zoning By-Law and the Building Code, the Planning Board recommends that the amendments to the Zoning By-Law be adopted and the amendments to the Building Code, with the exception of Section X, which will be tabled for further study, be adopted.”

Planning Board

Clive E. Perrin, Chairman

(20) VOTED: On motion of Victor Buote that the report of the Town Planning Board be accepted.

(21) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of William Costa that pursuant to a request of the Dighton Planning Board in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 6 and in compliance with all statutory requirements in relation thereto, the Town vote to accept the attached By Law as amended:

Article III. Section 2, Paragraph 1 — Add: and as amended by the new Zoning Map dated 2-7-73 as prepared by the Dighton Planning Board.

Article IV. Section 2, Paragraph 5c be amended to show Special Permit (SP) under the heading of Residence.

Article V. Section 2 — Amend as follows: One family dwelling, area *35,000 sq. ft.* and *frontage 175 ft.*

Section 2 — Add: Industrial Establishments may use side yard dimensions of 50 feet when abutting an Industrial District.

Section 2 — Add: Irregular shaped lots with less than *175 ft. frontage* in Residential Districts, will be allowed provided that there is *60 ft. frontage* and there is *175 ft. width* at some place on the lot. The set back from the street shall be no less than the place where the lot is *175 ft. in width*.

Article VI. Section 7, Paragraph 2 — Add: g. Building Permits are not required for items d. and e. above, provided the sign is not displayed for more than six months.

Section 10, Paragraph 2 — Add: This refers to set back dimensions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M. until 7:30 tomorrow night.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING March 13, 1973

The adjourned Town Meeting was called back to order at 7:30 P.M. March 13, 1973 by George Ball, Moderator.

An explanation of the amendments to the Zoning By Law voted last night was given by George Ball, and on motion of William Costa to accept the amendment as amended, the townspeople voted 55 in favor and 5 opposed.

(8) On motion of Richard Munsell that Art. 8 be reconsidered, it was voted that the motion passed last night be altered by changing the School Committee Secretary amount from \$37.50 to \$100.00 and by adding the Board of Health —

Chairman	\$1050.00
Clerk	\$1050.00
Other	\$900.00

(22) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of William Costa that the Town vote to adopt the proposed amendment to the existing Building Code with the exception of Sec. 10.

Section IV. Add Clause c. Substantial improvements to already existing structures within the flood prone area shall adhere to the following:

1. Designed (or modified) and anchored to prevent floatation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure.
2. Use Construction materials and utility equipment that are resistant to flood damage.
3. Use Construction methods and practices that will minimize flood damage.

Section V. Clause f. Footings

Delete the following sentence: "No footing will be required on suitable sub grade with the approval of the Building Inspector."

Section V. Clause p. Exterior Wall Studs

Change the table as follows:

up to 4'	2-2 x 4's on edge
5½'	2-2 x 6's on edge
7'	2-2 x 8's on edge
9'	2-2 x 10's on edge
over 9'	2-2 x 12's on edge

(23) VOTED: On motion of Alfred Perry that the Town appropriate and transfer \$10,000.00 to the Road Machinery Account for the purpose of maintaining and repairing highway vehicles and equipment for 1973 and one half of 1974 and to meet said appropriation, the following transfers be made:

Transfer from Road Mach. Fund	\$1,774.00
Transfer from Free Cash	8,226.00
	\$10,000.00

(24) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town authorize the transfer of unappropriated available funds in the Treasury in the amount of \$18,569.50 to Highway Revenue in anticipation of reimbursement from State and County for Chapter 81 & 90 Highway Work.

Chapter 81 — 52.98 miles @ \$275	\$14,569.50
Chapter 90 — Maintenance	4,000.00
	\$18,569.50

(25) VOTED: On motion of Joseph Hathaway that the Town transfer \$1,179.42 the Dog Tax Refund, to the Public Library Account.

(26) VOTED: On motion of Joseph Pacheco that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Reserve Fund (Overlay-Surplus) to the Reserve Account in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 6, General Laws.

(27) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town transfer \$900.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of helping to defray the operating expenses of the Rapoza Knott Post, as provided by Chap. 40, Sec. 9, General Laws.

(28) VOTED: On motion of Doris Hopkins that the Town transfer from Free Cash \$2,972.27 for the purpose of balancing the tax title foreclosure account and the Veterans Benefits account as shown on the balance sheet of Dec. 31, 1972.

Veterans Benefits Account	\$2,962.26
Tax Title Foreclosure Account	10.01
	\$2,972.27

(29) UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: On motion of Ralph Deane that the Town raise and appropriate \$164.00 to pay prior years bills.

Veterans Account	\$164.00
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(30) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town transfer from Revenue Sharing \$5,000.00 for the purpose of continuing the construction of Maple Street.

(31) Not passed

(32) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town transfer \$5,800.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of meeting the Town/s share of the cost of Chapter 90 Construction and that in addition, to borrow a sum of money to meet the State's and County's share in the cost of this work in accordance with Section 6A, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

(33) VOTED: On motion of Helen Brown that the Town raise and appropriate \$100.00 under the provisions of Section 1, Chapter 911, Acts of 1971 in anticipation of the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the American Revolution.

(34) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town accept as a gift from Dighton Ind. Inc. a piece of park land between Spring, Summer and Bow Streets.

(35) VOTED: On motion of Frank Rogers that the Town accept Chapter 344, Acts of 1970 as it pertains to establishing a revolving fund for the payment of Police Officers for off-duty work details.

(36) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of George Silvia that the Town accept from the Dighton Lions Club, Inc. the combination ice skating rink and tennis courts constructed on Town property as authorized at the 1968 Annual Town Meeting and that this site be placed under the supervision of the Playground Commission.

(37) Not Passed

Report given by Percy B. Simmons as follows:

"In Massachusetts we have a State Council on Aging, Programs are under the jurisdiction of a Sec., Asst. Sec., and Staff. This council assists communities and acts as an information center. Federal Funds are provided to assist State and Local communities to carry out programs for older people.

Local Councils are designed to evaluate and promote activities and services for the elderly. Official councils may receive local and state grants of money. The purpose of a local council is to identify needs of the elderly and to promote services to fill these needs.

A formal survey should be made as to needs of elderly in regard to various programs.

Programs to evaluate are, Health categories, accident prevention, Nursing Home facilities, hot lunch programs, hobby centers, recreation, Homemaker Services, Educational Programs, Retirement Counseling, Public Housing, Transportation and the Training of people to work with the elderly.

Under acts of 1956-57, 59, 65, 66, Chapter 495, 496, 497, appropriations are authorized to finance programs.

An annual report of activities of any council must be sent to the Town and State Commissions.

The committee to be appointed should number 7 to 11.

The 1970 United States Census lists Dighton as having 4,667 population with 551 citizens being 60 years of age and over.”

(38) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Percy B. Simmons that the Town establish a Council on Aging as provided in Chapter 40, Section 8B of the General Laws.

(39) VOTED: On motion of Helen Brown that the Town vote to adopt Chapter 40, Section 8D of the General Laws to establish a historical commission of the Town of Dighton for the purposes and with the rights and duties provided by law, to be composed of 7 members, appointed by the Selectmen for terms of three years except that initial appointment shall be 2 members for one year, 2 members for two years and 3 members for three years.

(40) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain and settle damages from land taken in conjunction with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974 Highway Program under Chapter 81 & 90 and Town Road Program.

(41) VOTED: On motion of Joseph Pacheco that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell at public auction or private sale, all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

(42) VOTED: On motion of Lester Allen that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, to dispose of used materials returned to them by sale at Public Auction.

(43) VOTED: On motion of Richard Munsell that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the 18 month period beginning January 1, 1973, in accordance with General Laws, Chap. 44, Sec. 4 and Acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chap. 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, by issuing a note or notes payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Report given by George Ball on School Needs Committee. Mr. Ball stated the Committee has been working on plans for a new middle school and as soon as plans are completely finalized, the committee will bring them to the Town Meeting for presentation.

(44) Motion by Wilfred Rhines that the report of the School Needs Committee be accepted. VOTED.

Report given by Rudolph Christenson on Sewerage.

Mr. Christenson stated that for the last five years, reports have been given on Sewerage Plans in the Town of Dighton. That Dighton will have to go regional with the cities of Taunton and Raynham. Meetings have been held with Taunton and Raynham along with SERPPED.

(44) Motion by Richard Munsell that the Report on Sewerage be accepted. VOTED.

(44) VOTED: On motion by Myrna Adams amended by Wilfred Rhines that the Selectmen appoint a committee to consider the needs of the Fire Dept. in regards to personnel, on a volunteer basis and be instructed to give a progress report at the next special town meeting.

The Moderator appointed the following to the Finance Committee for 1973-1974: Richard Munsell, Robert Bradshaw, Malcolm Borden, Joseph Pacheco, Lester Allen, Janice Benson and William Turner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting held April 23, 1973 was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by George Ball, Moderator.

Report given by George Ball, Chairman of the School Planning and Building Committee.

(1) VOTED: On motion of Joachim Schult to accept report of the School Planning and Building Committee.

(2) Not Passed

Meeting adjourned 10:10 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting held June 25, 1973 was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by George Ball, Moderator.

(1) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town vote to establish an Industrial Development Financing Authority consisting of five directors to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen under the provision of Sec. 2, Chap. 40D of the General Laws in connection therewith to declare that an Industrial Development Financing Authority is needed therein and that (1) unemployment or the threat thereof exists in the municipality, or (2) security against future unemployment and lack of business opportunity is required in the municipality, and that unemployment or the threat thereof can be alleviated or the security against unemployment and lack of business opportunity can be provided, by attracting new industry to the municipality or substantially expanding industry existing in the municipality through an industrial development project or projects financed under this chapter.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting held July 23, 1973 was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by George Ball, Moderator.

(1) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Charles McKenna to transfer from Overlay Surplus \$15,000.00 for emergency repairs at the Jr. High School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Attest:

FRANK R. ROGERS
Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1973

Date	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
6	Kenneth Richard Monteiro	Raymond & Mary Sousa Monteiro
8	Scott Christopher McKinnon	Joseph C. & Nancy M. Wanamaker McKinnon
20	Lesley Ann Shortman	Simeon R. & Janet A. McGrath Shortman
27	Scott Alan Roberts	Alan T. & Linda M. Buchanan Roberts
FEBRUARY		
10	Joel Robert Gailes	Joseph R. & Donna C. Eagleson Gailes
10	Jared Douglas Gailes	Joseph R. & Donna C. Eagleson Gailes
16	Kenneth Michael Rebello	Paul D. & Carol A. Victurine Rebello
19	Bethany Suzanne Coburn	William H. & Pamela L. Goff Coburn
MARCH		
4	Amy Elizabeth Vine	Donald V. & Nancy M. Hartley Vine
9	Edward Joseph Reposa	Edward J. & Marjorie A. Guillemette Reposa
24	Cheryl Ann Digits	James F. & Beverly A. Bzdula Digits
27	James Perry Russel	Robert J. & Carol L. Grifenhagen Russell
28	James Hannibal Perry, Jr.	James H. & Sharon M. Costa Perry
APRIL		
12	Colleen Gail Hunt	John P. & Marilyn Ann Kohut Hunt
13	Nicholas Machado	Richard & Sandra A. Frasier Machado
13	Christopher Michael McTague	Ronald F. & Jacalyn A. Wade McTague
19	Nicole Suzanne Alves	Gerald J. & Lucie A. Bernier Alves
19	Scott Alan Courcy	Norman E. & Maureen T. Viveiros Courcy
27	Jeffrey Robert Newsham	Robert W. & Lucille L. Thivierge Newsham

MAY

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| 1 Carol Jean Lee | Robert N. & Elizabeth A. O'Connell
Lee |
| 13 Judith Marie Cordeiro | Joseph & Marion L. Andrade Cordeiro
Jr. |
| 26 Karen May Lohnes | Robert S. & Cynthia M. Pearson Lohnes |

JUNE

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| 1 Christopher Robin Alves | Paul A. J. & Coleen Higdon Alves |
| 18 Christopher Michael Sault | James M. & Christine M. Roberts Sault |
| 24 Lyn Marie Mello | John P. & Mary B. Gabriel Mello |
| 30 Douglas Jonathan Rose | Dan W. & Laurenda A. Menges Rose |

JULY

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| 2 Kurt Allen Long | David J. & Patricia M. Medeiros Long |
| 19 Robert Eric Bradshaw | Robert S. & Deborah E. Hall Bradshaw |
| 19 Karl David Handverger | Richard & Janice A. Schofield
Handverger |
| 20 Scott Edward Berube | Thomas B. & Carol V. Cash Berube |
| 27 Jason Alan Corcoran | Joseph W. & Ruby L. Lewis Corcoran |

AUGUST

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| 3 Bobbi-Jo Vieira | Lionel J. & Audrey A. Lipes Vieira |
| 10 Joshua Russell Enos | Russel L. & Donna Smith Enos |
| 15 Jason Vincent Jefferson | Dorian A. & Pamela J. Malaguti
Jefferson |
| 23 Kyle Marie Roderigues | Augustine D. & Evelyn M. Mallette
Roderigues |

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 Renae Soderbom | Barry W. & Susan A. McCoy Soderbom |
| 6 James Robert Pursley | Robert G. & Mary L. Kelley Pursley |
| 8 Debra Ann Hamilton | Bruce W. & Beverly A. Parent Hamilton |
| 15 Susanne Marie Kotouch | Eugene R. & Cecelia C. Tavares
Kotouch |
| 21 Jason Michael Burt | Leonard H. & Joanne E. Sylvia Burt |
| 24 Karen Marie DeMoura | Kenneth J. & Yvonne M. Adamczyk
DeMoura |

OCTOBER

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| 4 Melissa Frances Rubadou | George F. & Carol L. Berwick Rubadou |
| 9 Suzanne Crouch | Robert W. & Patricia Ann Conroy
Crouch |
| 31 Lorie Ann Walsh | Steven A. & Suzanne M. Lemieux Walsh |

NOVEMBER

8	Rhonda Yvonne Ulak	Martin J. & Lorna J. Munroe Ulak
11	Kristin Leigh Oliveira	David M. & Carol Litchfield Oliveira
14	Amanda Lee Slusack	Vincent M. & Carolyn M. Corey Slusack
20	Scott Robert Lamontagne	Emile R. & Pauline R. Lanouette Lamontagne
29	Tyler James Root	David P. & Bonnie L. Ferrie Root
29	Katharin Ann Santos	Paul D. & Alice M. Riva Santos
29	Timothy Patrick Holt	Robert F. & Katherine A. Fennessy Holt

DECEMBER

6	Mark Richard Pysz	Frank A. & Jean A. Ladebauche Pysz
13	Diane Marie Lambert	Leo R. & Donna M. French Lambert
20	Jessica Anne Zajac	Charles J. & Theresa E. Coello Zajac
22	Jason Paul Riendeau	Lucian J. & Linda S. Costa Riendeau
23	Ryan Eugene Pimental	Ronald J. & Carol A. Young Pimental
23	Frank John Pimental	Ronald J. & Carol A. Young Pimental
28	Jared Pierce Duarte	Roger S. & Linda J. Noons Duarte

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1973

Date**Names****JANUARY**

- 6 Frederick J. Lapre of Dighton and Elaine M. Wheeler of Raynham
- 25 Russell L. Enos of Dighton and Dona M. Smith of Somerset
- 27 Louis Rego of Fall River and Margaret Medeiros of Dighton

FEBRUARY

- 3 Richard G. White of Dighton and Karen M. Sylvia of Dighton
- 9 James M. Sault of Taunton and Christine M. Roberts of Dighton
- 10 David J. Rose of Dighton and Linda C. Genovesi of Rehoboth
- 16 Ronald F. Cummings of Dighton and Constance M. (Costa) Jack of Dighton

MARCH

- 16 Dennis R. DeSilva of Dighton and Mary Anne Dunn of Prov., R.I.
- 17 Frank A. Pysz of Dighton and Jean A. (Ladebauche) Antoniewicz of Taunton
- 24 Brian T. Fox of Taunton and Pauline Roderick of Dighton

APRIL

- 7 Thomas J. Pires of Taunton and Deborah L. Brewer of Dighton
- 13 Hector C. Church of Rehoboth and Ann H. (Holmes) McCracken of Dighton
- 14 Neil K. Fleck of Dighton and Gail T. Velozo of Fall River

MAY

- 4 Leo L. Lambert of Taunton and Donna M. French of Dighton
- 5 Frederick W. Gracia, Jr. of Dighton and Brenda E. Brown of Middleboro
- 5 Kevin T. Corr of Dighton and Donna Blanchard of Taunton
- 7 Robert E. Barnes of Dighton and Eleanor F. White of Raynham
- 12 William John Giles of Taunton and Brenda E. Place of Dighton
- 12 John H. Crawford of Dighton and Marilyn A. Medeiros of Dighton
- 23 Edwin Viera DaSilva of Taunton and Jana Lee Welch of Wareham
- 25 Richard D. Howell of Chariton, Iowa and Diane M. (De-Lawrence) Hood of Taunton
- 25 James J. Thomas of Fall River and Janice A. Wilbur of Dighton

JUNE

- 2 Daniel Ronan of No. Adams and Linda Woodcock of Dighton
- 2 Leo E. Bilodeau of Dighton and Kristin Christiansen of Dighton
- 8 Daniel C. Bearce of Dighton and Linda E. Mann of Rehoboth
- 9 Edmund R. Poulin of Westerly, R.I. and Barbara I. Baker of Rehoboth
- 15 Jeffrey J. Olson of Rehoboth and Denise E. Pelletier of Dighton
- 23 Clyde R. Babbitt of Dighton and Mary S. Rocha of Attleboro
- 23 Leonard P. Cortemanche of So. Attleboro and Katherine G. Atwood of Dighton
- 23 Henry E. Lafleur of New Bedford and Laura Lynn Bodreau of Dighton
- 29 Terence J. Bradshaw of Taunton and Patricia A. O'Connell of Dighton
- 30 Peter M. Amaral of Taunton and Debra L. Boulay of Taunton

- 30 William C. Musgrove of N. Kingston, R.I. and Linda J. Potter of Rehoboth
- 30 James L. Mosher of Taunton and Carolyn Booth of Dighton

JULY

- 2 Louis LaFreniere of Taunton and Deborah Bradshaw of Taunton
- 6 Raymond J. Costa, Jr. of Dighton and Helen (Marques) Costa of Dighton
- 7 Arthur Paul of Westport and Elizabeth A. Corey of Dighton
- 9 Michael J. Ribeiro of Taunton and Joyce M. Vincent of Dighton
- 14 Kevin Rhines of Dighton and Melodie Bolton of Rehoboth
- 21 David Francis Jones of Taunton and Joyce Theresa DeMoura of Berkley
- 21 Gordon F. Rice of Raynham and Lynn Barrow of Dighton
- 22 William H. LaPointe of So. Dartmouth and Janet M. DeMello of Dighton
- 27 Robert C. Kitchens of Lynchburg, Va. and Barbara E. Scully of Charlottesville, Va.

AUGUST

- 4 Leonard J. Carafa of Lodi, New Jersey and Patricia Holbrook of Dighton
- 11 Peter J. Constantine of Dighton and Linda Lockhart of Rehoboth
- 11 Richard W. Pettit of Berkley and Dianne M. Poirier of Berkley
- 11 John C. Bower of Somerset and Joan N. Pavao of Dighton
- 13 Leo R. Ouellette of Dighton and Mary L. Soderstrom of Fall River
- 17 William Hathaway of E. Taunton and Beverly Lima of Dighton
- 17 Frank S. Gracia of Dighton and Olive M. (Tranter) Townsend of Dighton
- 18 Fred W. Woodcock, Jr. of Dighton and Denise Brisson of Somerset
- 22 Manuel Leiter of Seekonk and Jennifer L. (Babbitt) Pettit of Dighton

- 31 Wayne A. Crawford of Dighton and Gail M. Nolette of Raynham
- 31 Ralph A. Ruggiano of Prov., R.I. and Joanne Curran of Taunton

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Arthur Lewis Vaz, Jr. of Dighton and Marilyn Jean Marcotte of Newport, R.I.
- 8 Robert F. Casey of Taunton and Linda L. Wilbur of Dighton
- 8 Charles S. Richardson of Dighton and Deborah Silvia of Taunton
- 8 Thomas Raymond Horton of Dighton and Donna Lee Marie Wilson of Taunton
- 13 Jan K. Angus of Dighton and Betty J. McClellan of Dighton
- 15 Charles Andrew Gracia of Dighton and Dianne M. Ackles of Dedham
- 20 Ronald J. Machado of Taunton and Susan E. Ridley of Taunton
- 22 David E. McCrohan of Berkley and Virginia A. Martin of Dighton
- 22 Robert A. O'Connell of Taunton and Debra A. Berube of Dighton
- 23 William A. Galleshaw of Dighton and Catherine F. (McLean) Farrell of Dighton
- 28 Joseph A. Coelho of Dighton and Linda Rose of Dighton
- 29 Norman John Brown of Florida and Susan M. Rochefort of R.I.

OCTOBER

- 5 John M. DeSantis, Jr. of Somerset and Deborah C. (Ash-ton) Violette of Somerset
- 6 Frederick R. Gracia of Berkley and Dianne M. (Figuereor) Stefanik of Berkley
- 6 Alfred C. Souza of Taunton and Susan B. Hopkins of Dighton
- 6 Miguel deOliveira Farias of Fall River and Anna Pacheco of Dighton
- 20 Jeffrey V. Churchill of Lakeville and Sabra Golsby of Dighton
- 21 Robert G. Perry of Dighton and Kathleen M. Cook of Springfield

NOVEMBER

- 3 Michael P. McNulty of Dighton and Silvia L. Barros of Taunton
- 9 George Faria, Jr. of Taunton and Debra Marie Rose of Dighton
- 9 Wayne A. Domingues of Swansea and Diana L. Chace of Dighton
- 10 William Botelho of Somerset and Jane Marie Andrews of Dighton
- 10 Donald L. Hirschy of Taunton and Charlene A. Prescott of Dighton
- 10 David E. Varley of Dighton and Debra L. Pappas of Dighton
- 17 Wayne T. Medeiros of Dighton and Dianne Gagne of Dighton
- 17 Richard W. Gregory of Brockton and Joanne M. (Gouveia) Souza of Brockton
- 23 Steven Dumenigo of Taunton and Carol Pray of Rehoboth
- 24 David M. Ferreira of Dighton and Barbara L. White of Brockton
- 30 John B. Auger, Jr. of Rehoboth and Janet L. Martin of Seekonk

DECEMBER

- 1 Arthur G. Pimenta of Taunton and Norma LeClerc of Taunton
- 3 Henry L. Enos of Dighton and Sharon Lee Brewer of Dighton
- 8 Bruce B. Perry of Dighton and Paula J. (Desjardins) Mayben of R.I.
- 14 Francis J. Bednarik of Somerset and Elizabeth (Aumann) Campbell of Somerset
- 15 Henry A. Lewis, 3rd of Taunton and Patricia A. Tetreault of Dighton
- 17 Raymond A. Rezendes of Taunton and Alice A. Carpenter of Raynham
- 30 Richard Duarte of Taunton and Joan M. (Richard) Poissant of Dighton

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1973

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
2	Calvin Roy Fraser	79	0	0
10	Peter John Ferreira	64	4	28
FEBRUARY				
9	William James Rose	79	11	5
21	Rosanna (Hebert) Parent	80	0	17
APRIL				
6	John Hilger	63	7	14
12	John Wesley Hampton	73	4	25
28	Walter Frank Rines	87	1	9
JUNE				
9	John C. Tarvis	56	10	9
18	Manuel Mello	58	7	15
24	Joseph Anthony Bush	47	0	7
JULY				
7	Virginia (Bradbury) Stedman	76	3	26
9	Mary C. (Lopes) Vincent	79	11	3
31	Baby Boy Corcoran	—	—	5
AUGUST				
24	Charles Machado	53	11	12
SEPTEMBER				
5	Joseph Francisco Gil	88	7	21
8	Donald Dooley	57	7	22
13	Madeline J. (Lamoureux) Simmons	57	10	7
14	Emma A. (Marchioni) Pivirotto	98	11	22
19	Eugenia E. (Carpenter) Wilson	63	0	7
25	Hope (Collingham) Cobb	60	3	18
30	Manuel White	76	6	28

OCTOBER

1	Ervin Epsworth Chickering	83	4	29
27	Manuel Martin	80	—	—
27	Clifford Wakefield	68	2	28

NOVEMBER

17	Joseph Rezendes	49	0	0
19	Mary (Rose) Wetzel	93	9	2

DECEMBER

26	Frank John Pimental	—	—	3
30	Bernard Polaski	56	—	18

REPORT ON CEMETERY FUND

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/72	Interest in 1973	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/73
Harriet M. Briggs	200.00	259.11	13.90	273.01	14.00	259.01
Submit Babbitt	150.00	181.64	9.92	191.56	—	191.56
Mary J. Briggs.....	100.00	146.14	7.99	154.13	—	154.13
Edgar A. Essex	200.00	292.71	15.67	308.38	9.50	298.88
Ebenezer Gay	150.00	166.21	9.84	176.05	8.00	168.05
William D. Goff Lot	100.00	129.80	7.69	137.49	7.00	130.49
Bliss — Arthur A. Hathaway...	200.00	263.20	14.10	277.30	10.50	266.80
Nancy C. Jones.....	150.00	208.11	11.15	219.26	9.00	210.26
Dr. A. J. Smith	150.00	188.27	8.80	197.07	8.50	188.57
Martha L. Smith	50.99	57.03	2.65	59.68	3.00	56.68
Sarah Babbitt Lot	100.00	170.31	9.13	179.44	8.50	170.94
Oliver P. Simmons	721.00	787.23	46.74	833.97	35.00	798.97
Joseph Gooding.....	142.75	144.81	8.61	153.42	8.50	144.92
Josephine G. Thaxter Lot	100.00	121.60	6.50	128.10	6.50	121.60
William Walker.....	250.00	252.21	14.90	266.11	14.00	252.11
Jesse P. Goff	100.00	131.56	7.05	138.61	5.50	133.11
George H. Horton	100.00	150.35	8.06	158.41	7.50	150.91
E. & J. Lincoln	200.00	209.24	11.22	220.46	11.00	209.46
Gilbert Strange.....	300.00	310.93	16.69	327.62	15.00	312.62
Josiah R. Talbot	100.00	186.59	11.07	197.66	9.00	188.66

Emery White.....	200.00	224.46	12.01	236.47	8.00	228.47
Emeline Williams	100.00	122.40	7.23	129.63	6.00	123.63
Charles E. Carr	500.00	636.93	33.75	670.68	19.50	651.18
Isabelle W. Snow.....	100.00	102.29	4.69	106.98	4.50	102.48
N. Allen Walker	150.98	159.24	10.16	169.40	12.50	156.90
Briggs Lot	125.00	125.94	7.46	133.40	6.00	127.40
Joshua Bliss	5,000.00	6,663.23	357.67	7,020.90	245.00	6,775.90
Bliss-Westcoat.....	200.00	334.36	17.91	352.27	10.00	342.27
David W. Francis	100.00	168.35	9.97	178.32	8.00	170.32
Albert F. Goff.....	50.00	51.94	2.41	54.35	3.00	51.35
Elbridge G. Francis.....	200.00	331.77	17.76	349.53	9.00	340.53
George E. Francis	100.00	252.98	14.98	267.96	8.00	259.96
Benjamin W. Goff.....	100.00	183.49	9.80	193.29	8.00	185.29
Emerson W. Goff	100.00	162.25	9.62	171.87	8.00	163.87
Ephira Goff	100.00	146.65	7.85	154.50	7.00	147.50
Truman N. Goff	100.00	185.77	9.95	195.72	7.50	188.22
Zenas H. Goff.....	200.00	398.19	23.62	421.81	9.50	412.31
John H. Harlow.....	100.00	137.80	7.39	145.19	7.00	138.19
Alfred A. Horton.....	100.00	140.43	7.52	147.95	6.50	141.45
John H. Horton.....	100.00	157.61	9.34	166.95	6.50	160.45
Nelson Horton	100.00	231.48	12.39	243.77	8.50	235.27
Job Paull	100.00	199.08	11.79	210.87	7.50	203.37
Robert S. Waterman.....	100.00	153.62	9.12	162.74	7.50	155.24
Etta Westcott	100.00	170.02	9.11	179.13	6.00	173.13
Westcott & McNally	200.00	272.54	12.75	285.29	9.50	275.79

	<i>Amount of Fund</i>	<i>On Deposit 12/31/72</i>	<i>Interest in 1973</i>	<i>Total on Deposit</i>	<i>Paid Out</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/73</i>
Francis H. Wheeler.....	100.00	159.67	9.45	169.12	6.00	163.12
Shubel Wheeler	100.00	132.64	6.19	138.83	6.00	132.83
Thomas B. Witherell	100.00	154.41	8.27	162.68	8.50	154.18
Helen C. Briggs.....	75.00	81.57	4.34	85.91	4.00	81.91
Sylvanus Jones	100.00	127.65	6.83	134.48	6.00	128.48
Nathan Walker	100.00	108.06	6.39	114.45	6.00	108.45
Wendell Weed	100.00	101.37	6.00	107.37	4.50	102.87
Williams Lot	100.00	92.87	17.32	310.19	20.00	290.19
Rufus P. Horton	400.00	513.45	23.98	537.43	11.50	525.93
Charles & Mary Olney	200.00	259.94	12.14	272.08	8.00	264.08
Asa & Hannah Waterman Lot..	200.00	255.93	11.96	267.89	8.50	259.39
Charles Osman Gay	200.00	217.85	12.90	230.75	9.50	221.25
Smith Kay Lot	500.00	544.19	26.20	570.39	17.50	552.89
Smith Burying Ground.....	50.00	122.84	6.57	129.41	6.00	123.41

JURY LIST 1973 - 1974

Y. Geraldine Berube	204 Pearl St., No. Dighton	Housewife
Bernice L. Botelho	2544 County St., Dighton	Housewife
Manuel F. Botelho	2544 County St., Dighton	Chemical Operator
George C. Carvalho	867 Main St., Dighton	Gladiola Grower & Semi Retired
Antone Compos	2575 Elm St., Dighton	Office Manager
Helen Compos	2575 Elm St., Dighton	Housewife
Helen Cordell	1940 Horton St., No. Dighton	Housewife
Mary I. Courcy	95 Forest St., No. Dighton	Electronics
Seth Dutra	222 Muddy Cove, Dighton	Retired
Allen C. Fanjoy	405 Main St. Dighton	Time Study Eng.
Francis M. Ferreira	86 Forest St., No. Dighton	Barber
Guy M. Fleck, Sr.	2095 Elm St., Dighton	Mill Operator — Class B
Gertrude Gray	1918 Wellington St., Dighton	Switchboard Operator
Walter E. Hamilton, Jr.	2328 Pleasant St., Dighton	Production Mgr. — Jewelry
Joseph E. Hathaway	463 Hart St., Dighton	Civil Engineer Technician — Supv.
Barbara A. Higgins	1905 Elm Street, Dighton	Housewife
Agnes D. Holmes	512 Brook St., Dighton	Housewife
Alma L. McCutcheon	240 Rose Terrace, No. Dighton	Housewife
George Miguel	477 Hart St., Dighton	General Manager
Muriel T. Murray	2095 Elm St., Dighton	Housewife
Fred Rebello	306 Forest St., No. Dighton	Retired
Kenneth G. Rubadou	572 Old Somerset Ave., No. Dighton	Insurance Agent
Donald E. Wolfe	247 Andrews St., No. Dighton	Senior Analyst — Raytheon Company

JURORS DRAWN DURING THE YEAR 1973

January 10, 1973

Frank R. Costa, Jr., 1841 Elm St., Dighton—Cost Analyst-Cost Accountant

John Fernandes, 294 Forest St., No. Dighton—Tannery Foreman

Ruth D. Leeming, 1315 Somerset Ave., Segreganset—At Home

February 23, 1973

Wesley M. Hathaway, 1408 Center St., Dighton—Unemployed

Antone R. Silva, 12 Summer St., No. Dighton—Foreman-Lacquer Spray Department

Wilhelmina Torres, 259 Main St., Dighton—Retired

Joseph A. Allie, 223 Muddy Cove, Dighton—Landscape Gardener

March 13, 1973

Francis P. McDermott, 2342 Pleasant St., Dighton—Retired
John A. Goulart, 372 Main St., Dighton—Capping Machine
Operator

March 21, 1973

Robert W. Cummings, 525 Main St., Dighton—Office Machine
Repairer
Loretta M. Gracia, 231 Main St., Dighton—Electronics Assem-
bler

April 18, 1973

Edmond Santos, 910 Middle St., No. Dighton—Picker &
Shipper-General Motors Parts Department
Donald L. St. Pierre, 1254 Main St., Dighton—Tool & Die
Maker

May 16, 1973

Timothy J. Kelly, 1335 Rebecca Rd., Dighton—Letter Carrier,
U.S. Post Service
Joseph Pimento, Jr., 1295 Main St., Dighton—Lineman

August 22, 1973

John T. Harris, 2143 Pleasant St., Dighton—Credit Manager
Paul R. Joly, 1249 Main St., Dighton—Salesman

September 19, 1973

Doris Holmes, 2379 Chestnut St., No. Dighton—Senior
Schedule Clerk
Frederick W. Gracia, 231 Main St., Dighton—Supervisor-
Production Department

October 12, 1973

William Marsden, Jr., 835 Center St., No. Dighton—Retired
Walter Knorr, 3093 Miller's Lane, Dighton—Machinist

December 12, 1973

Clarence Adams, Jr., 3064 Elm St., Dighton—Laborer-Truck Driver

Albert Enos, 2371 County St., Dighton—Set-up and Press Operator

December 18, 1973

Donald Buchanan, 215 Chase St., No. Dighton—Truck Driver

Helen E. Ladd, 641 Park St., No. Dighton—Retired

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1973

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1972	\$282,064.42
Total Receipts in 1973 — General Cash	\$3,134,842.75
	<u>\$3,416,907.17</u>

Selectmen's Warrants in 1973	\$2,841,057.93
Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1973	575,849.24
	<u>\$3,416,907.17</u>

Revenue Sharing Funds

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1972	\$35,919.00
Funds Received in 1973	91,896.00
Invested Funds Interest Received	3,475.20
	<u>\$131,290.20</u>

Total Warrants in 1973	65,343.67
	<u>\$65,946.53</u>

Funds Invested	60,000.00
Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1973	5,946.53
	<u>\$65,946.53</u>

See Town Accountant's Report for detailed list of receipts and expenditures.

FRANK R. ROGERS
Town Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our annual report to the citizens of Dighton for the year 1973 is as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS

To be raised by taxation	\$2,757,464.41	
To be taken from available funds		
Voted in 1973	176,313.57	
School Lunches	10,936.80	
Free Public Libraries	3,500.26	
County Tax	84,374.91	
State Recreation Areas	16,886.36	
Audit of Municipal Accounts	393.22	
Mosquito Control Project	4,180.52	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	497.55	
State Assessment System	189.72	
Air Pollution Control District	98.19	
1972 Underestimate	232.74	
Overlay	<u>183,629.97</u>	
Amount to be raised		\$3,238,698.22

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1973 Estimated Receipts	671,729.86	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	195,000.00	
Licenses	12,165.33	
Fines	1,035.00	
Interest on Taxes	2,250.00	
Overestimates	2,730.72	
Transferred from available funds	<u>176,313.57</u>	
Total Estimated Receipts		1,061,224.48
Net amount to be raised by taxes		<u>2,177,473.74</u>

Value of Personal Property	1,096,225.00	
Taxes on Personal		277,893.04
Value of Real Estate	7,493,415.00	
Taxes on Real Estate		1,899,580.70
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Total Valuation	8,589,640.00	
Total Taxes		2,177,473.74

TAX RATE \$253.50 per M for 18 Months

TAX RATE 169.00 per M for 12 Months

(The \$169.00 rate represents 2/3 of \$2,177,473.74 or
\$1,451,649.26 for 12 months ending 12/31/73)

Value of Exempt Property	5,641,450.00
Stock in Trade	93,625.00
Machinery	35,500.00
All other tangible personal property	967,100.00
Value of Land	1,015,040.00
Value of Buildings	6,478,375.00
Taxes assessed on Motor Vehicles & Trailers	144,600.34

DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT

Appropriations	\$165,281.71	
To be taken from available funds		
Voted in 1973	17,678.61	
Overlay	15,504.71	
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Net amount to be raised		\$198,465.03
Estimated Receipts	\$60,000.00	
Transferred from available funds	17,678.61	
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Total Estimated receipts		77,678.61
Net Amount to be raised by taxes		<hr/> 120,786.42

Value of Personal Property	\$557,725.00	
Taxes on Personal		12,967.10
Value of Real Estate	4,637,390.00	
Taxes on Real Estate		107,819.32
Total Valuations	5,195,115.00	
Total Taxes		\$120,786.42
TAX RATE \$23.25 Per M for 18 Months		
TAX RATE \$15.50 Per M for 12 Months		
(The \$15.50 rate represents 2/3 of \$120,786.42 or		
\$80,524.80 for 12 months ending 12/31/73)		

DIGHTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DISTRICT

Appropriations	\$10,288.50	
To be taken from available funds		
Voted in 1973	230.00	
Overlay	361.25	
Amount to be raised		\$10,879.75
From Savings Account to reduce Rate	1,000.00	
Transferred from available funds	230.00	
Total Estimated Receipts		1,230.00
Net Amount to be raised by taxes		\$9,649.75
Value of Personal Property	463,125.00	
Taxes on Personal		1,250.44
Value on Real Estate	3,110,855.00	
Taxes on Real Estate		8,399.31
Total Valuation	3,573,980.00	
Total Taxes		\$9,649.75
TAX RATE \$2.70 Per M for 18 Months		
TAX RATE 1.80 Per M for 12 Months		
(the \$1.80 rate represents 2/3 of \$9,649.75 or		
\$6,433.20 for 12 months ending 12/31/73)		

NORTH DIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT

Appropriations	\$46,511.00	
Overlay	2,792.37	
Gross Amount to be raised		\$49,303.37
Total Estimated receipts		34,000.00
Net Amount to be raised by Taxes		15,303.37

Value of Personal Property	\$101,600.00	
Taxes on Personal		761.25
Value of Real Estate	1,938,950.00	
Taxes on Real Estate		14,542.12
Total Valuation	\$2,040,500.00	
Total Taxes		\$15,303.27

TAX RATE \$7.50 per M for 18 Months

TAX RATE 5.00 per M for 12 Months

(The \$5.00 rate represents 2/3 of \$15,303.27 or
\$10,202.76 for 12 months ending 12/31/73)

The Article concerning a professional appraisal was passed at our Annual meeting, consequently, this office has been engaged in the work with the Appraisors who have been obtaining information from you and examining your property during the past year.

This appraisal is now in its final stages and shortly, perhaps in February or March of 1974 we will be sending you information regarding your new assessment.

We have tried to keep abreast of all the activities of this appraisal and feel we have had the best professional service available and that the results will be gratifying to all of us.

This Board and the Office of Whipple, Magane & Darcy want to thank everyone for the fine co-operation and courtesies shown during our visits to your home or business while the appraisal was going on.

Since we are still in the transitional period, the next tax bill you receive will be for the last six months of this period which is from January 1, 1974 to June 30, 1974.

The new assessed values become effective with the start of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974.

The figures on the preceding pages represent an 18 month period, consequently the figures for this report which is an annual one will be two thirds of those amounts.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD MENDOZA, Chairman

HOWELL S. CARR

LEO T. PIVIROTTTO

Board of Assessors

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Real Estate						
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1972	76.80	117.00	985.77	4,694.33	22,992.65	1,266,387.23
Commitment						439.40
Added Commitment				394.03	693.98	317.43
Added Interest				14.00	35.00	27.00
Demands					440.80	3,449.52
Refund Abatements						
Total	76.80	117.00	985.77	5,102.36	24,162.43	1,270,620.58
Paid Treasurer			149.37	3,823.96	18,387.70	1,180,422.76
Abatements	48.00	81.90	86.10	95.20	757.90	60,179.31
Tax Title	28.80	35.10	36.90	394.40	414.70	692.90
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1973			713.40	788.80	4,602.13	29,325.61
Total	76.70	117.00	985.77	5,102.36	24,162.43	1,270,620.58
Personal Property						
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1972				612.00	715.00	185,262.03
Commitment						
Added Interest				69.18	40.74	8.12
Demands				4.00	3.00	1.00
Total				685.18	758.74	185,271.15
Paid Treasurer				685.18	502.14	184,645.85
Abatements						84.50
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1973					256.60	540.80
Total				685.18	758.74	185,271.15

Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1972	19.80	591.88	4,250.80	23,290.87	
Added Commitments				60,041.71	144,600.34
Commitment					16.64
Added Interest			53.00	64.59	189.00
Demands			46.00	309.00	1,188.44
Refund Abatements			293.70	2,247.90	
Total	<u>19.80</u>	<u>591.88</u>	<u>4,643.50</u>	<u>85,954.07</u>	<u>145,994.42</u>
Paid Treasurer	10.00		2,011.58	65,582.88	103,563.21
Abatements	3.30	424.05	1,949.54	15,540.38	24,430.75
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1973	6.50	167.83	682.38	4,830.81	18,000.46
Total	<u>19.80</u>	<u>591.88</u>	<u>4,643.50</u>	<u>85,954.07</u>	<u>145,994.42</u>

Dighton Water District — Real Estate

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		64.60	1,037.21	3,427.40	
Commitment					71,880.06
Added Interest			78.41	81.03	34.00
Demands			12.00	26.00	27.00
Refund Abatements				64.80	3.10
Total		<u>64.60</u>	<u>1,127.62</u>	<u>3,599.23</u>	<u>71,944.16</u>
Paid Treasurer			1,059.22	2,793.03	69,171.50
Abatements				1.60	179.03
Tax Titles				4.80	7.75
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1973		64.60	68.40	799.80	2,585.88
Total		<u>64.60</u>	<u>1,127.62</u>	<u>3,599.23</u>	<u>71,944.16</u>

	1970	1971	1972	1973
Dighton Water District — Personal Property				
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1972		9.00	32.00	
Commitment				8,644.74
Added Interest		.85	.92	.11
Demands		1.00		1.00
Total		<u>10.85</u>	<u>32.92</u>	<u>8,645.85</u>
Paid Treasurer		10.85	28.12	8,627.25
Abatements				7.75
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1973			4.80	10.85
Total		<u>10.85</u>	<u>32.92</u>	<u>8,645.85</u>
Dighton Electric Light District — Real Estate				
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1972	7.60	38.96	197.32	
Commitment				5,599.57
Added Interest		4.16	6.11	2.18
Demands		9.00	18.00	16.00
Total	<u>7.60</u>	<u>52.12</u>	<u>221.43</u>	<u>5,617.75</u>
Paid Treasurer		45.85	169.36	5,426.79
Abatements				2.97
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1973		6.27	52.07	187.99
Total	<u>7.60</u>	<u>52.12</u>	<u>221.43</u>	<u>5,617.75</u>
Dighton Electric Light District — Personal				
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1972		.83	1.65	
Commitment				833.63
Added Interest		.16	.04	.01
Demands		1.00		1.00
Total		<u>1.99</u>	<u>1.69</u>	<u>834.64</u>

	1970	1971	1972	1973
Paid Treasurer				
Abatement		1.99	1.19	832.48
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1973			.50	.90
Total		<u>1.99</u>	<u>1.69</u>	<u>834.64</u>
No. Dighton Fire District — Real Estate				
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1972	18.00	61.20	235.95	
Commitment				9,694.76
Added Interest		4.59	4.72	1.96
Demands		<u>2.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
Total	<u>18.00</u>	<u>67.79</u>	<u>250.67</u>	<u>9,701.72</u>
Paid Treasurer		55.79	239.67	9,432.72
Abatements				125.00
Tax Titles				16.00
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1973	<u>18.00</u>	<u>12.00</u>	<u>11.00</u>	<u>128.00</u>
Total	<u>18.00</u>	<u>67.79</u>	<u>250.67</u>	<u>9,701.72</u>
No. Dighton Fire District — Personal				
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1972		12.00	11.00	
Commitment				508.00
Added Interest		1.44	.44	
Demand		<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	
Total		<u>14.44</u>	<u>12.44</u>	<u>508.00</u>
Paid Treasurer		14.44	12.44	505.50
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1973				2.60
Total		<u>14.44</u>	<u>12.44</u>	<u>508.00</u>

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Selectmen
Town Office
Dighton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As required by law I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Dighton Fire Department for the year ending 31 December, 1973.

The Fire Department answered 270 calls during 1973 including 145 Ambulance calls found listed in the Annual Ambulance Report.

A breakdown of Fire Calls is as follows:

3 — Assist Ambulance	1 — Lift Truck
1 — Assist Dighton Police	1 — Mattress
1 — Attempted Arson	2 — Mutual Aid
4 — Auto Accident	1 — Missing Person Search
10 — Auto Fire	2 — Needless Call
4 — Boat Rescue	1 — Power Failure
9 — Bomb Scare	12 — Pump Cellar
22 — Brush	7 — Smoke Investigation
1 — Barn	4 — Standby
1 — Cat in tree	1 — Shed
1 — Chemical Plant	1 — School
1 — Chimney	1 — School Bus
14 — Dwelling	1 — Tear Gas Grenade
4 — Dump	1 — Trash Wagon
6 — False Alarm	2 — Unpermitted burning
10 — Grass	1 — Wooden Bridge
2 — Gasoline Washdown	
2 — Gas Leak Investigation	

Approximate figures materials and equipment used:

Water from Booster Tanks — 20,500 gals.

Booster Hose — 13,250 ft.	Ladders	255 ft.
1½'' Forestry Hose — 6,750 ft.	Smoke Ejector	4
1½'' Fire Hose — 1,000 ft.	Generator	12
2½'' Fire Hose — 2,250 ft.	Scott Air Pak	9

Permits issued:

57 Oil Storage	1 Fireworks	1 Remove Sprinkler
10 Blasting	1 Solvent Storage	System

In my previous annual report I reported to the town that the manpower during the workday was not adequate to safely man the ambulance or fire equipment. At the last annual town meeting I asked for an appropriation of funds to place firemen in each fire station during those hours. That article was defeated. A committee to study the availability of volunteers during the day was to be appointed and at this time no report has come from this committee but the shortage of day firemen is still with us. During the past year nine new firemen have been trained and appointed to the call fire department and even these men are not available during the workday.

I have no choice but to recommend that the town appropriate funds to hire a minimum number of firemen to cover those hours during the day when the shortage is most evident.

In the past year many subdivisions have been approved for construction along with a great number of individual homes and many of these are being built in the western part of town. If the trend continues and I see no reason why it should not, the need for a more centralized fire station should be considered. I recommend that the town look into the possibility that state or federal funds may be available for such a project. The possibility of a centralized police station, fire station and town office building should be considered.

A recent law governing the operation of ambulance service in this state could just about wipe out the town ambulance service as we know it. The new law requires that both the driver and the aid successfully complete a full course in emergency medical care as approved by the department of public health. The possibility of getting volunteers to give over one hundred hours of their free time to qualify as E.M.T.'s may be next to impossible to achieve. This new law gives us until 1977 to have 100% of the ambulance personnel trained. Ambulance service in Dighton began in 1942 and if we are to continue this service, a free service to all Dighton residents, many firemen will have to volunteer to take the course on emergency medical care. The town owes a vote of thanks to all those men who have manned the ambulance and have made it possible to provide this service for its residents.

I wish to thank the officers and firemen for their help during the past year without these men our department could not exist. I also thank the Police Department, Street Department and the Town Officials for their help and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. WHITE

Chief of the Fire Department

AMBULANCE REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town Office
Dighton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the Annual Report for the Town Ambulance for the year ending 31 December, 1973.

The Fire Department answered 145 Ambulance calls during 1973.

To:

10 — Home
Dighton, Mass.
90 — Morton Hospital
Taunton, Mass.
2 — St. Anne's Hospital
Fall River, Mass.
2 — Truesdale Hospital
Fall River, Mass.
13 — Union Hospital
Fall River, Mass.
2 — Sturdy Memorial Hospital
Attleboro, Mass.
1 — Mass. General Hospital
Boston, Mass.
1 — Mass. School Hospital
Canton, Mass.
1 — Pondville Hospital
Norfolk, Mass.
1 — Cardinal Cushing Hospital
Brockton, Mass.
1 — St. Elizabeth's Hospital
Brighton, Mass.

To:

3 — Dighton Nursing Home
Dighton, Mass.
6 — Wedgemere Nursing Home
Taunton, Mass.
1 — Longmeadow Nursing Home
Taunton, Mass.
1 — Country Haven Nursing Home
Norton, Mass.
1 — Mutual Aid
Rehoboth, Mass.
1 — Patient Not Moved

5 — Ambulance Not Needed

3 — D.O.A.

Patients Handled — 135

Oxygen Used — 49

I again wish to thank the members of the Dighton Fire Department who have manned the ambulance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. WHITE
Chief of the Fire Department

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Dighton Historical Commission, created by vote in Town Meeting March 1973, replaced the Heritage Committee and was named by the Selectmen who organized it on May 8, 1973.

This year the Historical Commission signed a joint agreement with the Conservation Commission to ask the Town to establish a Historical Conservation District on the Segreganset River. This area starting at Williams Street and going down stream to 200 feet beyond the site of the Leonard Tack Factory was the location between 1740 and 1850 of a cotton mill, forge, fulling mill, flaxseed oil mill, saw mill and tack factory. It is the fast flowing part of the river tumbling nearly 50 feet in its rush to the sea. The 1974 Town Meeting will be asked to establish the area and fund money for preparation of purchase.

The Committee for observance of the BiCentennial of War for Independence was named and organized by the Selectmen on March 28, 1973. The Historical Commission will work closely with the group in as much as some members are part of the BiCentennial Committee.

Some Members of the Historical Commission are photographing houses, churches, and other historic sites and recording the history for the Mass. State Historical Commission. These State forms will be placed on file for the preservation of history as well as for use in highway, industrial development, etc.

The Historical Committee will continue the annual policy of the Heritage Committee in an annual meeting to list the events in the town that affect its physical and cultural heritage.

CHARLES HARRIS, *Chairman*
ROBERT McGUIRK, *Vice Chairman*
ELAINE VARLEY, *Secretary*
HELEN H. LANE, *Asst. Secretary*
HELEN A. BROWN
DR. ROSE BORGES
ARTHUR C. STAPLES

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To The Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my police report for the year ending December 31, 1973.

ARRESTS: Motor Vehicle Violations (50); Adultery (1); Fornication (1); Contributing to the Delinquency of a Child (2); Lascivious Cohabitation and Lewdness (2); B/E in the N/T (9); B/E in the D/T (3); Larceny Over (3); Larceny Under (3); Larceny of Motor Vehicle (1); Attempted Larceny (6); Accessory before fact of B/E in the N/T (1); Conspiracy to commit larceny (1); Forgery (1); Attempt to intimidate a Government Witness (1); Accessory before the fact of Uttering (1); Uttering (1); Possession of Burglarious Tools (5); Assault on a Police Officer (1); Assault and Battery (2); Uttering Threats (3); Neglect to Provide (1); False Alarm of fire (3); AWOL (1); Disorderly Person and Disturbance of the Peace (5); Possession of Fireworks (1); Delinquent Child (2); Malicious Destruction to Personal Property (3); Wilful Injury to Building (4); False report relative to Location of Explosives and Conspiracy in Bomb Threat (3).

SUMMONS AND WARRANTS SERVED : (73)

COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS: (1,427)

Investigations (435) Vandalism (79); Accidents (92); Stolen Motor Vehicles (23); Motor Vehicles Recovered (24); Bomb Scare (9); Armed Robbery (1); Stolen Property Recovered (29); Missing Persons (18); Missing Persons Found (18); Assault & Battery (4); Rape (1); Attempted B/E (7); B/E in N/T (20); B/E in D/T (20); B/E in D/T (9); B/E (Business) (8); Attempted Larceny N/T (2); Attempted Larceny D/T (1); Larceny Over (16); Larceny Under (29); Hunting Accident (1).

PERMITS GRANTED: Firearms I.D. Cards (52); License to Carry (86); License to sell firearms (2); Machine Gun (1); Tickets for Parking Violations (15).

During 1973 members of this Department completed courses in the following: Standard and Advanced First Aid, Drug Abuse and Advanced Drug Abuse. Training sessions were held for new Reserve Officers.

A Safety Program was presented for the Elementary School. A ten week Mini-Course in Law Enforcement was again conducted for interested eighth grade students. A Narcotics Program was presented for the Berkley students. Once again a Drug Poster and Essay Contest was held for local students. The Dighton Businessmen's Club and Dighton Police Association each donated a savings bond which were awarded to the essay winners. Princess House, Francis Garage and Lassen's Garage donated prizes for the poster contest.

Equipment purchased included a cruiser, resuscitator, typewriter, used calculator and billie clubs. Raytheon Company donated a file cabinet and miscellaneous office supplies.

I wish to thank the Officers of this Department, Town Officials, Townspeople and the State Police for their cooperation in carrying out the work of this Department. My thanks also to the members of the Community Crime Check for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

KARL K. SPRATT, JR.
Chief of Police

PERMITS AND LICENSES ISSUED IN 1973

The following permits were issued by the Board of Selectmen.

Building Permits

New Houses	59	Plumbing Permits	104
Garages	6	Sanitation Permits	78
Swimming Pools	5	Sausage Permit	1
Miscellaneous	60	Garbage Permit	1
Additions & Alterations	14	Rubbish Permit	1
Demolishing	15	Gas Storage Permits	3
Gravel Permits	5	Electrical Permits	87

The following licenses were issued:

All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses:

Common Victualler	4	Wine & Malt	1
Retail Package Store	2	Temporary Beer & Wine	28

Motor Vehicle Licenses:

Class I	1		
Class II	10		
Class III	2		
Denatured Alcohol	3	Lord's Day Sale	8
Auctioneer	3	Lord's Day Entertainment	40
Food Service Establishment	23	Oleomargarine	6
Camps, Cabins, Motels	2	Milk, Store	5
Common Victualler (Food)	7	Milk, Vehicle	7
Oyster Privilege	1	Junk Collector	1

Permission to conduct dog racing was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. for August 31, 1973 through November 30, 1973; to Rehoboth Fair, Inc. from September 1, 1973 through September 9, 1973.

Permission was issued to Frohman Anderson to conduct Auto Cross Time Trials at the former Nike Site, Sharp's Lot Road on ten (10) Sunday's during the year 1973.

Respectfully submitted,
LEAH B. CROSBY, Clerk
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

William Costa and Victor R. Buote were duly elected as members of the Planning Board. The Chairman, Clive E. Perrin resigned and George A. Perry was appointed by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board to fill the vacancy.

The following public hearings were held for subdivisions in 1973:

1. Boulder Ridge of Rte. 44 (11 homes)
2. Estherbrook Estates of Elm Street (60 homes)

It is felt that Dighton will continue its residential growth at a more than moderate pace.

A public hearing was held on March 1, 1973 on the proposed changes to the Subdivision Regulations and the Zoning By-Law.

Changes were adopted at the Annual Town Meeting by a majority vote. We felt that these changes are a step in the direction of an orderly growth pattern for the Town of Dighton.

We also, attended many meetings and public hearings of the Berkley-Dighton Bridge Project with Governmental Agencies and Town Officials. Our attempt was to make an objective evaluation at the hearings of this project and report our findings to the citizens of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

HANS PAULSEN, Chairman

FRANK N. ALVES, JR., Vice Chairman

WILLIAM COSTA, Clerk

VICTOR R. BUOTE

GEORGE A. PERRY

PLAYGROUND COMMISSION REPORT

To the citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Playground Commission hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1973.

On March 1, 1973, Ralph Woodward and Clive "Buz" Perrin were elected to the Commission. Their terms were short lived due to unforeseen circumstances. Ralph was employed by Raytheon and because of their move he was forced to resign in May of 1973. "Buz" Perrin was a very hard worker and it was a great loss when he had to leave us in the late fall because of college demands.

The Commission tried to maintain existing equipment this year. Also, new fencing was added at the North Playground and the South Playground got a blacktop area which can be used for basketball and volleyball.

The summer programs were expanded with more activities. This was done through the special efforts of Mrs. Joyce Sherman and Miss Debbie Horton. They worked mostly on their own and were creative with both arts and crafts and athletic programs. I would like to give them a personal thank you for their fine work.

The Lions Club should again, be thanked for helping to maintain the tennis courts at the Junior High School. This facility has been used more than anyone could have anticipated. In the past, the school budget has paid for the electricity used for the lights at the courts. They think this is an area to be cut to coincide with the energy crisis. The cost of lighting is very small compared to other electrical needs. Therefore, I am adding to our budget for electrical expenses at the courts to assure their continued use.

The Commission would like to thank some special helpers this year. The Dighton Little League for helping to maintain the baseball field, Mr. Jim Horton, who helped us in areas that he had control of and Mrs. Judy Grace and her girl scout unit, for helping with clean-up work at the Recreation Center.

We would like to thank Superintendent, Alfred M. Perry and the Highway Department employees, Police Chief Karl K. Spratt, Fire Chief, Joseph White and their departments for their help.

This year's budget does not carry any money for the Recreation Building. I think that with the present need of the Police Department, and in the best interest of the Town that I should leave the door open for you to decide how best to use this building. I am, however, recommending that the Town take this building back from the Playground Commission. This isn't saying that we don't need a recreation center, but I think other needs might be more important at this time.

If this isn't the way you want to go then, it would only take a special article, and a special budget to restore things back to the way they were.

This action took a lot of deep thought and I hope my decision hasn't offended anyone.

Due to other commitments, I will not be able to seek reelection. I would like to thank those who elected me and those who were so much help in my three year term.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN E. COURCY, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There were one hundred seventy-nine (179) building permits granted in 1973. Fifty-nine (59) were for new construction, in which twenty (20) will go into the year 1974 for completion.

There were eight (8) small repair permits not completed which will be carried into 1974 for completion.

There are eight (8) complaints that are being investigated at this time. The Police Department is working on some for me.

The Home for the Elderly will be started on January, 1974 on Lincoln Avenue. The Dighton Building Inspector will work with the State Inspector on this project.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYNARD F. HORTON, SR.
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1973.

Total circulation of books and periodicals	20,385
Adult	12,349
Juvenile	7,270
Periodicals	766
Circulation of records	236
Number of persons using reading room	840
Collected in fines	\$71.20

During the year 376 books were added, of which 23 were gifts.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY C. PILLING
Librarian

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The report of the Dog Officer for the year 1973 is as follows:

Lost dogs	76
Dogs found and returned to owner	52
Dead dogs and dogs hit by cars	79
Stray dogs picked up	102
Dog complaints	194
Dog bites	47
Dogs sold	11
Dogs caught in traps	7
Cruelty complaints	2
Numerous complaints of animals killed by dogs.	
Numerous complaints of dogs in trash cans and rubbish.	

All complaints involving dogs were acted on. All owners of dogs that had bitten someone were notified to restrain their dogs for fourteen days. Stray dogs were held for five (5) days, then either sold, returned to owner, or disposed of.

I received many complaints of dogs breaking rubbish bags and spreading the contents all over the area. I told many owners to tie their dogs on days that the rubbish was being picked up.

The law requires that all dogs must be licensed and have rabbies shots and receive numbered tags, which must be attached to a collar or harness on dogs. Any unlicensed dogs found roaming the streets will be picked up at the expense of the owner. Dog licenses will be available at the Town Office.

I wish to thank Chief Spratt, members of the Police Dept., the Communication Center, and the Town Office for their help and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE R. KATON
Dog Officer
Town of Dighton

DOGS LICENSED in 1973

MALES	374
FEMALES	65
SPAYED	215
KENNELS	18
	<u>672</u>

REPORT OF THE SANITATION INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen

The following is my report for the year 1973:

Permits Issued:

Sanitation Permits	78
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Food Service	23
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I inspected soil tests on 101 lots.

All complaints pertaining to Public Health were investigated and compliance obtained.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO A. DUFFY, R.S., C.H.O.

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' AGENT

*To the Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Dighton*

The year ending December 31, 1973, was very active for the Veterans Benefits Department. Total cost to run the department was \$21,171.77. This was a decrease over the prior year. The case load also showed a decrease. We serviced twenty individuals and families during the year.

Fifty percent of all approved amounts paid in benefits is reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To date we have received \$7,766.13 from the State in reimbursements.

Although the cost of hospitals, nursing homes and medicines have increased we did not spend as much as in previous years. This is because of the decrease in case load. The recipients of Veterans Benefits did not receive any increase in benefits during 1973.

The Veterans Services office of this department is a liaison between the veterans and dependents and the Veterans Administration. We have assisted many in filing for pensions, compensation and educational benefits. Also we have assisted widows in filing for death benefits and burial allowances.

The fine cooperation of Town Officers and personnel at the Town Office is gratefully acknowledged.

Appreciation is expressed to the Commissioner of Veterans Services and personnel of the State Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Deane, Jr.
Veterans Agent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

This is the tenth annual report of the Board of Appeals. During the year 1973 this Board conducted twenty (20) public hearings where variances to the Zoning By-Law were sought by property owners in the Town of Dighton. The Board of Appeals acted upon these twenty (20) cases granting nineteen (19) variances. One variance request was denied.

Variances to the Zoning By-Law are issued by the Board when its members find undue hardship to the petitioner in failing to obtain a permit to build and when the granting of a variance does not materially or adversely affect the public or the abutting property owners.

Respectfully submitted,

FROHMAN ANDERSON, Chairman

JOSEPH LAWRENCE

RICHARD M. ARRUDA

Alternate Members:

THOMAS J. WYNN

WILLIAM E. JOHNSON

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the Townspeople of Dighton:

Dighton Civil Defense has continued to be active in Local, State and National radio and alert drills as required by the Office of Civil Defense.

Dighton Civil Defense now has a Radio Safety Patrol with four mobile units consisting of eight members. The following men are volunteer members of the Patrol: Joseph Medeiros, Jr., Thomas Cabral, William Costa, Jr., Bruce Woodcock, Kenneth Harwood, Jerry Coelho and Arthur Perry.

On Memorial Day this patrol aided motorist in finding alternate routes around the parade.

They have assisted motorist in breakdowns, helped change tires, did minor repairs and they have set up flares at accident scenes. This patrol also was out on the evening of October Thirtieth and Thirty-first for Halloween vandalism. They patrolled the following schools, Elementary, Junior High, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High, and also the recreational center, highway department garage and various businesses in Town.

Through the office of Civil Defense, Dighton has up-dated its Rationing Board and established the Community Home Heating Assistance due to the recent fuel shortage. The main purpose of the C.H.H.A. is to provide fuel to the Townspeople who are unable to have fuel delivered to them because of the fuel shortage. If we are unable to have fuel delivered to them we will then provide them with a place to stay, however, they must provide their own bedding, clothing, food, etc.

We had two hurricane alerts this year and were fortunate that both storms went out to sea before they reached us.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank my Radio Safety Patrol for the fine job they did this year and also my Radio Officer, Emery Lincoln. I also wish to thank the Town Officials, the Superintendent of Streets, the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Superintendent of the Water Department and their department personnel, the Town Office personnel, the Communication center personnel and everyone who has helped in Civil Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD J. GRACIA
Director of Civil Defense

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Board of Health was required to expend \$7,664.03 in the first twelve (12) months of an eighteen (18) month appropriation of \$13,180.00. This leaves a balance of \$5,515.97 for the remaining six (6) months.

Although we seem to be in line with most of the items relating to Board of Health expenditures there are two items which have increased considerably over our original estimates. With the new regulations pertaining to soil testing and the many requests for subdivision approval, the Sanitation Inspector's duties have increased rapidly. This also, holds true for the Plumbing Inspector's.

Mr. Leo Duffy, the Sanitation Inspector, has performed 78 inspections for Sanitation Permits and 101 soil tests.

Mr. Donald French and Mr. John DeCambra, our Plumbing Inspectors made 104 inspections for new installations and replacing of plumbing.

Immunization programs for the Senior Citizens were again, performed this year by Dr. Charles M. Sousa and Mrs. Carolyn Booth, R.N., School Nurse.

This being the last year of a three year contract for rubbish collection, a request for new bids will be advertised. Although the present contract runs out April 30, 1974, Mr. Jacome, the present collector has agreed to continue picking up until the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 1974). He will do so at the rate he is presently being paid.

The Town Dump continues to be an ever increasing expense with State regulations to conform with. We have been fortunate over the past few years in having excavated material from two road improvement projects to use as cover material. This stock pile is gone. We have either to restock from a limited source in the Land-fill area and/or purchase material from an outside concern. Whichever way we go, it will prove to be expensive. Out of an \$18,450 appropriation we have spent \$11,091.54, leaving a balance of \$7,358.46 for the remaining six (6) months.

Over the past year this Board has had several meetings with the Taunton Sewage Commission relating to the possible tie-in on a regional basis. After much discussion and several changes being made on the original contract that was presented to this Board, this Board will be presenting very shortly to the Citizens of Dighton for their approval two separate plans. Each one will offer a limited sewage program for the Town.

Mr. Peter B. Gay, Town Counsel was most helpful in these negotiations insuring us of the best possible conditions and agreements.

This Board would like to extend our appreciation to all those who have assisted us in our duties pertaining to public health services.

EDWARD SANTOS, Chairman
Board of Health

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the citizens of Dighton:

The resignation of Randall W. Hopkins was submitted and regretfully accepted by the Conservation Commission this past year. Associate member William D. Frenette was appointed to fill the vacancy. The resignation of associate member Peter Winne was also regretfully accepted.

New officers were elected on May 2, 1973. Caryle J. Stonstrom was elected Chairman, Henry L. Burt, Vice-Chairman and Rosemarie B. Buote, Secretary. By-laws were written, approved by the Selectmen and Town Counsel, and adopted by the Conservation Commission. The new by-laws increased the Commission from five to seven members. Frances E. Crawford and John M. Evangelho, Jr. were appointed by the Selectmen to the newly created positions.

Regular meetings of the Conservation Commission are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. During the year, in addition to the regular meetings, three public hearings and many special meetings were held. Several joint meetings were held with the Selectmen, Planning Board and the Historical Commission. Members of the Commission attended several out-of-town meetings and the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions. A committee of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission are presently working on the best approach to a land use study in response to the warrant voted on at the March 12, 1973 Town Meeting. The Historical Commission and the Conservation Commission entered into an agreement to create an Historical-Conservation area along the Segreganset River where many mill sites are located.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, granted a request to conduct a Natural Resource Inventory on the Town of Dighton. Questionnaires were mailed to all town residents with a response of 13.2%. Many residents indicated interest in active participation and a Town Advisory Group has been formed. Representatives of Town Boards and Commissions are also on the Town Advisory Group. Once the preliminary data is compiled, the Bristol Conservation District will complete the technical evaluation.

Under the Wetland Protection Act, a new Notice of Intent was adopted by the Conservation Commission. Any individual, firm or public agency desiring to remove, fill, dredge or alter any wetland must file a Notice of Intent. All citizens are urged to respect this law and to notify the Commission of any known violations.

We would like to thank all Town officials for their help and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryle J. Stonstrom, Chairman
Henry L. Burt, Vice-Chairman
Rosemarie B. Buote, Secretary
Manuel S. Duarte, Jr.
William D. Frenette
Frances E. Crawford
John M. Evangelho, Jr.

REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF DIGHTON

Mr. Gordon A. McGill
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Boston, Massachusetts

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Dighton for the period from June 14, 1970, the date of the previous audit, to January 20, 1973, the following report being submitted thereon:

An examination and verification was made of the recorded financial transactions of the town as shown on the books of the departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection.

The books and accounts in the office of the town accountant were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer and with the treasurer's books, while the payments were checked with the treasury warrants and with the treasurer's records of disbursements. The appropriations and transfers were checked with the town clerk's records of town meeting proceedings and with the authorizations of the finance committee for transfers from the reserve fund. The ledgers were analyzed, the necessary adjustments resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1972.

The appended balance sheet shows overdrafts in two appropriation accounts totaling \$2,972.27, which overdrafts are contrary to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 31.

The books and accounts in the town treasurer's office were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town, with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, and with the accountant's ledgers, while the recorded payments were checked with the approved warrants of the selectmen authorizing the disbursement of town funds and with the accountant's books.

The treasurer's cash book was footed throughout for the period of the audit, and the cash balance on January 20, 1973 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements received from the banks of deposit, by verification of the certificate of deposit, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The records pertaining to funded debt, as well as temporary loans, were examined and checked. The loans issued were compared with the town treasurer's recorded receipts, while the payments on account of maturing debt, temporary loans, and interest we compared with the amounts falling due and were checked with the cancelled securities on file.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal and State taxes, the retirement systems, group insurance, school employees' annuities, and union dues were examined and checked. The deductions were listed, the payments to the proper agencies were verified, and the balances in the general treasury on January 20, 1973 were proved with the town accountant's controlling ledger accounts.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The bequests and income were proved and the amounts transferred to the town were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked in detail. The town and district taxes transferred to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the redemptions were checked with the treasurer's cash book, the foreclosures were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed, reconciled with the accountant's ledger, and compared with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts in the tax collector's office were examined and checked. The taxes and motor vehicle excise outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved with the warrants of the assessors issued for their collection. The collections were compared with the payments to the town and district treasurers, the

abatements were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the amounts transferred to the tax title account were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger controls.

The records of departmental accounts receivable were audited. The recorded receipts were checked with the treasurer's books, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger.

The outstanding tax and excise accounts were verified by mailing notices to all persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and it appears from the replies received thereto that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

It is recommended that action be taken by the tax collector to secure the prompt settlement of the delinquent tax and excise accounts of prior years.

The records of departmental collections by the selectmen, the town clerk, and the police, school, and library departments, and by all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked, the payments to the State and to the town treasurer being verified.

The surety bonds of the several town officials required by law to furnish such surety were examined and found to be in proper form.

There were appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the payroll deductions, tax, excise, tax title, tax possession, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

During the progress of the audit cooperation was received from all the officials of the town, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER F. ABEL
Assistant Chief of Bureau

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Board of Selectmen

I hereby submit my second annual report as Town Accountant in the following schedules:

Schedule #1 Balance Sheet for 1973

Schedule #2 Analysis of Receipts for 1973

Schedule #3 Disbursements for 1973

Schedule #4 1973 Appropriation Balances

Schedule #5 Previous Years Appropriation Balances

There is no outstanding indebtedness as of December 31, 1973.

The gross earnings for the Town of Dighton's 283 employees amounted to \$805,954.92.

Because we have completed only 12 months of the 18 month fiscal year, there is no certification of cash from the Bureau of Accounts as of 12/31/73.

I wish to express my appreciation to all who have assisted me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DORIS B. HOPKINS
Town Accountant

**SCHEDULE #1
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1973**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & RESERVES	
Cash			
On hand and in banks		Reserve for Petty Cash Advance	23.00
Petty Cash Advance		Sale of Real Estate	500.00
Accounts Receivable			
Taxes		Overlays Reserved for Abatements 1970 thru 1973	163,897.09
1970 Real Estate	713.40		
1971 Real Estate	788.80		
1972 Real Estate	4,602.13	Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus	62,170.56
1973 Real Estate	<u>29,325.61</u>		
		Revenue Reserved Until Collected	
1972 Personal Property	256.60	Taxes in Litigation	3,961.30
1973 Personal Property	<u>540.80</u>	Tax Title & Possession	7,558.14
		Motor Vehicle	25,514.31
Taxes in Litigation		Departmental	10.00
		Aid to Highways	<u>58,097.71</u>
			95,141.46
1967 Motor Vehicle Excise	13.20		
1969 Motor Vehicle Excise	9.80	Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	
1970 Motor Vehicle Excise	591.88	Road Machinery	1,936.80
1971 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,144.06	State Aid to Libraries	1,750.13
1972 Motor Vehicle Excise	4,797.81	Dog Fund from County	<u>864.00</u>
1973 Motor Vehicle Excise	<u>17,957.56</u>		4,550.93
		Tailings	
Tax Titles & Possessions		Unclaimed checks	714.81
Tax Titles	1,781.85		
Tax Possessions	<u>5,776.29</u>	Overestimates 1973	
		State Audit	
Departmental		of Municipal Accts.	2,153.68
Board of Health		Mosquito Control	112.37
	10.00	County Tax	<u>12,160.69</u>
			14,426.74

Overdrawn Accounts — underestimate
State Air Pollution
Control Assessment

Aid to Highways
State & County

Revenue 1973

Estimated Receipts
(to be collected)

TOTAL ASSETS

1.44

58,097.71

726,041.15

283,617.60

1,716,901.23

Payroll Deductions
Group Insurance
Receipts for Group Ins.

1,251.79
116.04

1,367.83

Agency
Sale of Dogs
Dog Licenses
Collector's Fees
Tax Title Due District

15.00
24.55
68.00
15.30

122.85

Federal Grants
School — Title 1
School — Title 3

3,460.63
911.70

4,372.33

Revolving Funds
School Lunch
School Industrial Arts
Gasoline Account

8,552.14
891.62
277.54

9,721.30

Insurance Recovery Account

699.72

Appropriation Balances
General

1973 appropriations

1,260,748.97

General —
Previous years appropriations

30,008.06

Surplus Revenue

68,435.58

Total LIABILITIES & RESERVES

1,716,901.23

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Trust and Investment Funds:			
Cash and Securities:			
In Custody of Treasurer	151,222.56		5,946.53
	<u>151,222.56</u>		<u>60,000.00</u>
			<u>65,946.53</u>
In Custody of Treasurer:			
School Fund			
Charles Sidney Chase	1,369.87		25,904.20
Cemetery Funds:			
Joshua Bliss	6,775.90		
Perpetual Care	12,663.78		34,000.00
			184.54
			38.79
Investment Funds:			
200th Anniversary	210.85		5.00
Stabilization	130,202.16		5,814.00
	<u>130,413.01</u>		<u>40,042.33</u>
	<u>151,222.56</u>		<u>65,946.53</u>

**SCHEDULE #2
DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS
1973**

TAXES**MOTOR VEHICLE**

1969	10.00	
1971	1,912.58	
1972	65,209.29	
1973	103,357.57	170,489.44

REAL ESTATE

1970	149.37	
1971	3,415.93	
1972	17,658.72	
1973	1,180,078.33	1,201,302.35

PERSONAL PROPERTY

1971	612.00	
1972	458.40	
1973	184,636.73	185,707.13

INTEREST ON TAXES

Real Estate	1,388.21	
Personal Property	118.04	
Motor Vehicle	151.46	1,657.71

TAX TITLE REDEMPTIONS

1,877.39

INTEREST ON TAX TITLES

184.19

DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

Board of Health	1,000.00	
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	381.82	
Veterans Services	7,766.13	9,147.95

AID TO HIGHWAYS REVENUE

State

Chapter 81 Maint. #9174 14,423.00

County

Chapter 90 Construction #25311 500.00

INVESTMENT OF GENERAL CASH —matured	300,000.00
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Interest on investment of General Cash	2,124.90
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Transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing/ For Police Dept. Payroll Acct.	35,000.00
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Special Police		
T.G.A.I.	18,760.00	
Rehoboth Fair	2,835.00	
Other	5,552.00	27,147.00

LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES

Gravel	140.00
Building	1,484.00
Oyster Bed	65.00
Gasoline Storage	3.00
Junk Collector	0-
Sausage	5.00
Sanitation	405.00
Rubbish	6.00
Plumbing	859.00
Auctioneer	37.00
Hearing Fees	317.63
Land Court	0-
Electrical	760.00
Common Victualler — AA	1,500.00
Common Victualler — food	25.00
Denatured Alcohol	5.00
Class 1 Motor Vehicle	20.00
Class 2 Motor Vehicle	70.00
Class 3 Motor Vehicle	20.00
Package Store A.A.	600.00
Package Store Beer & Wine	200.00
Gas Renewal	4.00
Lord's Day	25.00
Food Service	9.00
Temporary Beer & Wine	30.00
Milk Vehicle	14.00
Milk Store	10.00
Oleo	2.50

Camp and cabin	2.00	
Raffle permit	90.00	
Pistol Permits	842.00	
F.I.D. cards	102.00	
License to sell	20.00	7,672.13

MISCELLANEOUS

Road Machinery	1,936.80	
Surplus Property	558.30	
Library Fines	69.82	
Tax Anticipation Loans	500,000.00	
Zoning booklets & by laws	102.00	
Liquor I.D.	10.00	
Street Listings & Maps	35.30	
Photocopies	15.50	
Rental-fuel tanks	300.00	
Toll calls	10.98	
Cert. of Mun. Lien	60.00	
Storage Town Garage	174.00	
Police insurance reports	191.00	
Court Fines	538.00	
Parking Fines	64.00	
Town coins, booklets & histories	142.00	
Historical maps	1.00	
Sanitation fund	15.40	
Reimbursed for janitors fees	22.00	
Christmas Fund	315.25	
Industrial Arts	834.07	
Highway Dept.	186.60	
Office Expense	500.00	506,081.72

DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS**SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Comm. of Mass.	22,316.46	
Elem., Junior High & Kindergarten	30,073.07	52,389.53

COUNTY OF BRISTOL

Dog Fund	2,043.42	
Care & Boarding of Dogs	610.00	2,653.42

PROCEEDS — Dog licenses		2,183.25
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REFUNDS & RECOVERIES

Insurance claims		
Police		813.22
Refunds		
Interest on Tax Anticipation Loan		308.49
Veterans Benefits		172.50
Cafeteria payroll check		19.40
BC/BS refund		164.60
Library refund		5.94
Reimbursement for checks		243.42
BC/BS Dividend		20.00
Paper Recycling		234.96
Tailings		165.87
Gasoline Acct.		2.88
Broken window		4.25
Refund — Town Treasurer		183.65

AGENCY ACCOUNTS

County Retirement	13,588.88	
Federal Tax	110,477.47	
State Tax	31,411.62	
Teachers Retirement	22,461.75	
Washington Insurance	1,192.87	
Tax Sheltered Annuities	6,330.00	
Union Dues — Street & Police	696.00	
Union Dues — Teachers	3,815.59	
Collector's Fees	628.00	
Sale of Dogs	15.00	190,617.18

TRUST FUND INCOME

Joshua Bliss Fund	245.00	
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	505.50	750.50

CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INSURANCE

Employee Deductions	15,014.63	
Receipts for Group Insurance	1,623.72	16,638.35

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Title 1 ESEA	8,386.00	
Title 3 NDEA	869.75	
Chp. 812 Reimbursement 1971 Census	1,185.75	
Chp. 71 State Aid to Regional Districts	10,069.70	
Chp. 74 Transportation	29.00	
Chp. 70 School Aid	286,681.58	
Chp. 74 Tuition	751.00	
Chp. 70 School Aid (1972)	6,140.22	
Tuition & Trans. — State Wards	163.08	
School Transportation	16,356.48	
Machinery Basis	19,269.46	
Loss of Taxes	743.60	
State Aid Public Libraries	1,750.13	
Misc. — Concrete pipe settlement	3.24	
Misc. — Anti-trust Action	110.79	
Chp. 58-18A Handicapped	384.84	
Chp. 69 & 71 Spec. Ed.	25,681.00	
Local Aid Fund — lottery	25,380.81	403,956.43

DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS

TOTAL RECEIPTS GENERAL CASH	\$3,134,842.75
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Cash Balance 1/1/73	282,064.42
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	<u>3,416,907.17</u>
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SCHEDULE #3
DEPARTMENTAL DISBURSEMENTS
1973

From 1973 Appropriations	\$1,591,325.16	
From Previous Years Appropriations	10,101.66	
Tax Titles to Districts	282.14	
Police Dept. Payroll (from Federal Revenue Sharing)	35,000.00	
Special Police	27,263.00	
School Cafeteria	45,417.01	
Title 1 School Funds	4,925.37	
School Industrial Arts Account	259.03	
Gasoline Account	6,122.09	
Contributory Group Insurance		
Employee deductions	15,273.74	
Receipts for Group Insurance	1,614.24	
Insurance Reimbursement Account	113.50	
Refund interest on 1972 Real Estate	3.07	
State & County Taxes & Assessments	92,195.17	
Trust Funds — Cemeteries		
J. Bliss	245.00	
Perpetual Care	493.00	738.00
Agency Accounts		
County Retirement	13,588.88	
Federal Payroll Tax	110,477.47	
State Payroll Tax	31,411.62	

Teachers' Retirement	22,461.75	
Washington Nat'l. Inc.	1,192.87	
Tax Sheltered Annuities	6,330.00	
Union Dues — Police & Street	696.00	
Union Dues — Teachers	3,815.59	
Sale of Dogs	9.00	
Dog Licenses	2,158.70	
Collector's Fees	560.00	192,701.88
Tax Anticipation Loan		500,000.00
Investment of General Cash		300,000.00
Christmas Fund	315.25	
Tax Refunds		
Motor Vehicle	3,654.14	
Real Estate	3,890.32	
Personal Property	19,135.20	<u>26,679.66</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		2,850,329.97
Less Transfers within accounts		<u>9,272.04</u>
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS		2,841,057.93
CASH BALANCE 12/31/73		<u>575,849.24</u>
		<u><u>3,416,907.17</u></u>

SCHEDULE #4
APPROPRIATION BALANCES
(1973 appropriations)

	Balance 1/1/73	Approp. 1/1/73 - 6/30/74	Add'l. Approp. Receipts & Transfers	Total	Expended thru 12/31/73	Balance 12/31/73
Selectmen		10,125.00		10,125.00	5,675.24	4,449.76
Town Accountant		11,560.00		11,560.00	6,778.85	4,781.15
Town Clerk		8,479.00		8,479.00	5,472.50	3,006.50
Town Collector		12,557.00		12,557.00	8,308.77	4,248.23
Town Treasurer		8,222.00	183.65	8,405.65	5,809.95	2,595.70
Tax Title Account		2,550.00		2,550.00	14.70	2,535.30
Tax Possession Account		150.00		150.00		150.00
Assessors		21,054.00	300.00	21,354.00	11,981.10	9,372.90
Finance Committee		55.00		55.00	30.00	25.00
Election & Registration		5,150.00		5,150.00	2,545.94	2,604.06
Planning Board		16,035.00		16,035.00	1,344.97	14,690.03
Board of Appeals		450.00		450.00	253.34	196.66
Town Office		16,097.00		16,097.00	8,660.24	7,436.76
Industrial Commission		300.00		300.00		300.00
Conservation Commission		300.00		300.00	150.32	149.68
Town Counsel		7,500.00		7,500.00	2,925.00	4,575.00
Land Use Study		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
Professional Services/Conservation Comm.		3,000.00		3,000.00	30.00	2,970.00
Revaluation		8,814.00		8,814.00	6,252.66	2,561.34
Police Department		98,292.09	424.00	98,716.09	50,926.65	47,789.44
Town Ambulance		3,434.00		3,434.00	1,480.20	1,953.80
Fire Department		34,437.63		34,437.63	22,419.30	12,018.33

	Balance 1/1/73	Approp. 1/1/73 - 6/30/74	Add'l. Approp. Receipts & Transfers	Total	Expended thru 12/31/73	Balance 12/31/73
Hydrant Rental		2,955.99		2,955.00	1,740.00	1,215.00
Insect Pest Control		1,084.02		1,084.02	226.50	857.52
Shade Tree Account		1,000.00		1,000.00	476.00	524.00
Care of Town Elms		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,454.50	1,545.50
Civilian Defense		2,625.00	558.30	3,183.30	1,985.40	1,197.90
Dog Officer		3,000.00		3,000.00	747.20	2,252.80
Electrical Inspector		2,250.00		2,250.00		2,250.00
Communications Center		29,7700.00		29,700.00	18,260.97	11,439.03
Board of Health		13,180.00		13,180.00	7,190.58	5,989.42
Care of Town Dumps		18,450.00		18,450.00	11,091.54	7,358.46
Rubbish & Garage Collection	7,583.36	28,541.64		36,125.00	22,749.96	13,375.04
Street Department		146,300.00		146,300.00	62,966.45	83,333.55
Road Machinery		10,000.00		10,000.00	5,782.23	4,217.77
Chapter 81 Maintenance		22,515.00		22,515.50	22,514.98	.52
Chapter 90 Maintenance		6,000.00		6,000.00	788.00	5,212.00
Chapter 90 Construction		5,800.00		5,800.00		5,800.00
Brush Control		600.00		600.00	522.08	77.92
Sidewalk Maintenance		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,495.46	4.54
Dighton-Berkley Bridge		1,200.00		1,200.00	16.00	1,184.00
Veterans Benefits		61,000.00	172.50	61,172.50	21,171.77	40,000.73
Veterans Benefits — Prior Year Bills		164.00		164.00	164.00	0-
School Department		1,202,693.54	2,041.82	1,204,735.36	679,227.18	525,508.18
Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District		797,568.73		797,568.73	478,932.52	318,636.21
Public Library		10,040.92		10,040.92	5,577.70	4,463.22
School Dept. — Prior Year Bills		73.76		73.76	73.76	0-
Two Relocatable Classrooms		25,000.00		25,000.00	4,636.92	20,363.08
Junior High Emergency Repairs		15,000.00		15,000.00	9,342.28	5,657.72

Playground & Recreation	10,229.00			10,229.00	5,412.51	4,816.49
Memorial Day Observance	400.00			400.00	197.20	202.80
Civic Center Maintenance	1,140.00			1,140.00	431.65	708.35
Reserve Account	20,000.00			20,000.00		20,000.00
Contributory County Retirement	32,955.00			32,955.00	32,955.00	0-
Town Insurance	43,412.10			43,412.10	23,536.87	19,875.23
Contributory Group Insurance	30,000.00		82.30	30,082.30	16,764.76	13,317.54
Veterans Building Maintenance	900.00			900.00	900.00	0-
State Pension Reimbursement	1,779.78			1,779.78	889.89	889.89
Interest on Anticipation Loan	13,500.00		308.49	13,808.49	9,943.57	3,864.92
200th Anniversary Celebration	100.00			100.00	100.00	0-
Cemeteries Public Property	1,200.00			1,200.00		1,200.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Acct.	(10.01)			10.01		0-
Veterans Benefits — 1971	(2,962.26)			2,962.26		0-
	4,611.09	2,843,391.98	4,071.06	2,852,074.13	1,591,325.16	1,260,748.97

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Police Department	35,000.00			35,000.00	35,000.00	0-
1974 Fire Truck	34,000.00			34,000.00		34,000.00
1973 Police Cruiser	4,200.00			4,200.00	4,015.46	184.54
1973 Highway Truck	7,500.00			7,500.00	7,461.21	38.79
Repairs to Garage Roof	3,500.00			3,500.00	3,495.00	5.00
Revaluation	16,186.00			16,186.00	10,372.00	5,814.00
Maple Street Construction	5,000.00			5,000.00	5,000.00	0-
	105,386.00			105,386.00	65,343.67	40,042.33

SCHEDULE #5
APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES
(previous years appropriations)

	Balance 1/1/73	Receipts	Total	Expended Thru 12/31/73	Closed to 1973 Revenue	Balance 12/31/73
Town Forest	750.00		750.00			750.00
1972 Police Cruiser	26.03		26.03	25.00	1.03	0-
1971 Police Cruiser	66.65		66.65	64.50	2.15	0-
South Dighton Dump	4,000.00		4,000.00			4,000.00
Chapter 90 Construction	4,091.83	500.00	4,591.83			4,591.83
Carpenterville Project	2,521.94		2,521.94			2,521.94
Kirk Terrace — Phase II	957.86		957.86			957.86
Williams Street-land taking	5,023.92		5,023.92			5,023.92
Maple Street Layout	695.00		695.00			695.00
Highway Sand Spreader	330.22		330.22	299.00	31.22	0-
Highway Sand Sweeper	175.68		175.68	173.25	2.43	0-
Hart Street Extension	5,000.00		5,000.00			5,000.00
Maple Street Construction	5,005.45		5,005.45	3,027.82		1,977.63
School Needs Study	8,148.50		8,148.50	6,105.66		2,042.84
Public Library Heater/Air Conditioner	2,011.00		2,011.00			2,011.00
Playground & Recreation Building	310.86		310.86			310.86
Conservation Fund	92.50		92.50			92.50
Reimbursement for Educational Courses	439.11		439.11	406.43		32.68
	39,646.55	500.00	40,146.55	10,101.66	36.83	30,008.06

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
of the Town of
DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1973

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Charles E. McKenna, Chairman 2136 Pleasant St., Dighton	1975
Mrs. M. Louise Staples, Secretary 543 Center St., N. Dighton	1975
Maynard F. Horton, Jr., Financial Secretary 251 Walker St., N. Dighton	1976
Henry Descoteaux 316 Forest St., N. Dighton	1974
Robert S. McConville 860 Prospect St., N. Dighton	1974
Nicholas Santore Rebecca Rd., N. Dighton	1976
Richard F. Simmons 214 Lincoln Ave., N. Dighton	1974

SUPERINTENDENT

Robert T. Roy, B.S., Ed. M.

Residence: 313 Forest Street, North Dighton

Office: Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, Dighton

Telephone: (Office) 252-4500

(Home) 822-7323

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. and by
appointment.

ADMINISTRATOR OF BUSINESS

James P. Horton

OFFICE STAFF

Nancy J. Goulart, Office Manager

Joan M. Reed, Secretary

Anne H. McLean, Secretary

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Charles M. Souza, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Carolyn M. Booth, R.N.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. Kindergarten registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least five years of age or who will become five years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a birth certificate.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a doctor's certificate of immunization against smallpox, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles and polio or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable. Children entering school for the first time are required to have a physical examination also.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary, Junior High and Kindergarten

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school, the notice will be broadcast over Radio Stations WPEP, Taunton, WSAR, Fall River, WPRO, Providence, and WARA, Attleboro.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated, there will be school at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the event of closing, the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for elementary school.

TRANSPORTATION

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

As Approved by School Committee
1973 - 1974

DIGHTON

Dighton Elementary and Junior High Schools

School Opens September 5, 1973	
Closes December 21, 1973	72 days
School Opens January 2, 1974	
Closes February 15, 1974	33 days
School Opens February 25, 1974	
Closes April 11, 1974	34 days
School Opens April 22, 1974	
Closes June, 1974	41 days
Total	<hr/> 180 days

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

- October 8, 1973 — Columbus Day
- October 22, 1973 — Veteran’s Day
- November 7, 1973 — Teachers’ Convention
- November 22 & 23, 1973 — Thanksgiving Recess
- April 12, 1974 — Good Friday
- May 27, 1974 — Memorial Day

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Appropriation 1-1-73 thru 6-30-74	\$1,202,693.54
General Control	\$30,044.62
Transportation	60,117.75
Teachers' Salaries	473,640.63
Books	9,581.72
Supplies	11,204.48
Janitors' Salaries	28,115.13
Fuel	7,117.97
Electricity	6,116.08
Gas	616.78
Music	838.57
Janitors' Supplies	3,162.42
Miscellaneous	3,005.46
Repairs	14,253.27
Health	7,191.71
New Equipment	10,720.28
Household Arts	257.01
Industrial Arts	1,164.26
Tuition — Day & Evening	2,015.95
Programs With Other Districts	8,021.27
Total Expenditures	\$677,185.36
Balance 12-31-73	\$525,508.18

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my nineteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Dighton. Incorporated herein are the reports of the principals, and the school nurse.

SPACE

A second attempt to have an appropriation of funds to build a new middle school in Dighton was defeated early in 1973. As a result of this defeat and the mandate by the State Department of Education that we have public day school kindergartens, a large search for space was conducted. About one dozen buildings were considered but in most all cases Public Safety ruled them out. Those that did pass required too much in the way of renovations or were too small. It was finally decided to ask for money to obtain on a rental-purchase plan two relocatable classrooms. These rooms have been erected and the kindergarten is located in them.

We still have the problem of space in the other buildings. Special classes and Title I programs are using closets, teacher's rooms and shower rooms in the elementary school. At the junior high school we need space for music, art, science, library and special services.

The junior high building needs a great deal of repair work to meet public safety standards. To date, a fire escape has been installed along with three fire doors. The electrical system has been improved. Other areas that need repairs are heat, plumbing, floors, stairwells and shower areas.

The ominous cloud of many new homes being planned is still lurking in many areas of the town. If they come into being, we will inevitably need one or more new schools.

ENROLLMENT

Our enrollment was down by ten pupils when school opened in September, 1973, but is above last year's enrollment by three or four pupils at present. Numbers entering grade one and kindergarten are down but the middle grades are increasing in enrollment. This would seem to point out that people with families are moving in. As stated in the "Space" paragraph, new homes are the key to expanded enrollment and new schools.

PERSONNEL

There were actually only three changes in the regular staff this year which indicates that our faculty is becoming more stable. Mrs. Kathryn Clarkin, Grade 3, and Mr. James Chown, Social Studies, left to teach in other areas. Mrs. Carol Stafford, Grade 1, transferred to kindergarten. Miss Donna Zasmuta, a graduate of Mt. St. Mary's College, was also appointed to teach kindergarten.

Mrs. Kathy Fischer replaced Mrs. Stafford. Mrs. Fischer is a graduate of Arizona State University and had worked as a substitute and an instructional aide at Dighton Elementary School during 1972-73. Mr. David Avila, a graduate of State College at Bridgewater, replaced Mrs. Clarkin but in a fifth grade position when the enrollment showed a need for an extra teacher. Mr. Avila had taught in New Bedford. Mr. Charles Wakefield replaced Mr. Chown as a social studies teacher. Mr. Wakefield had taught in Raynham. He is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College.

These were the major vacancies but in the field of learning disabilities, two part time teachers were replaced by Miss Pamela Smith, a full time teacher. Miss Smith worked at Paul A. Dever School and is a graduate of S.M.U. We seem to have plenty of applicants for positions and we are able to screen candidates.

BUDGET

We are two-thirds of the way through the eighteen-month budget approved last March to allow towns to adopt the fiscal year budget, July 1 to June 30, used by the state and federal governments.

It has been very difficult to manage with rising costs such as salaries, supplies, fuel and transportation.

The 1974-75 budget will reflect these increased costs and an increase of about fourteen percent will be realized. The largest increases are salaries — \$52,000.00, fuel — at least \$14,000, and special services by \$30,000.00, to meet new requirements.

The amount of money to be expended will be determined by the increase in enrollment and the space needed to provide for this increase. School budgets this year are about the same as all other budgets in that the unstable economy makes it impossible to accurately determine our expenses.

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank all, teachers, cafeteria workers, custodians and secretaries for their cooperation during the past year. I would especially thank them for their patience while we determined what expenditures we could make for their needs.

Dr. Rose Borges and Mr. Leo T. Wontkowski have worked hard and cooperated in every way to help provide space for increased pupils and new programs. They too have been very patient waiting for monies for supplies and materials.

I thank the school committee members for the untiring efforts throughout the year by attending meetings and contributing their opinions at the same.

Again we solicit the cooperation of parents and citizens in our efforts to make our schools serve the community in the best way.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT T. ROY
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

I hereby submit my seventh annual report as principal of Dighton Junior High School.

ENROLLMENT

Our present enrollment is 305 students, a decrease of 23 students from last year's enrollment.

CURRICULUM AND SCHOOL PROGRAM

Last year I reported that we had begun an experimental elective program for 8th graders. The success of that project led us to implement a full afternoon program of electives each day. This appears to be very successful.

Our grade 8 discussion group program underwent some revision this year. Following a workshop by participating staff members, the group leaders began meeting with 8th graders in November.

Exploratory work was begun in grade 8 on a careers program conducted by our guidance counselor, Mr. George Costa, working with Mr. Raymond Medeiros, grade 8 advisor. Follow-up materials and counselling is provided students by Mr. Costa.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our student council, moderated by Mr. Raymond Medeiros, has again extended membership to seventh graders. The highly successful graduation program last June, planned by last year's class, has led our present 8th graders to plan a similar program for their own graduation.

PERSONNEL

Our staff now consists of fifteen full-time teachers, two part-time teachers, one instructional aide, one full-time teacher aide, and two part-time teacher aides. New staff members are Mr. Charles Wakefield, social studies and Mr. John Amaral, instructional aide.

CONCLUSION

I would like to thank Mr. Roy and Mr. Harrington for their encouragement and assistance and Dr. Borges for her generous cooperation with our activity program.

To the entire staff of the junior high, thank you for your efforts to provide a good educational program.

Respectfully submitted,
Leo T. Wontkowski
Principal

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Robert. T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

I hereby respectfully submit my fourteenth annual report as supervising principal of the Dighton Elementary School.

ENROLLMENT

Our enrollment as of October 1 was 506 in grades one thru five plus 77 kindergarten children being housed in the new portable building. Our combined student enrollment at the elementary level now stands at 583.

The five year olds were delighted to begin school in a new portable building located behind the Dighton Junior High School. Classes did not begin until October 17 due to difficulties beyond our control. Two teachers and two instructional aides were hired to work with the kindergarten children.

The summer kindergarten program was conducted in an effort to evaluate students for proper placement in the grade one classes for September.

CURRICULUM

In the area of curriculum development we work constantly to up date the standards of each program using all the materials and equipment at our disposal. We have added to our staff instructional aides who work with students who need individual instruction in order to succeed at their own rate. Our greatest problem is lack of work space. It has been necessary to work in the storage room, library, teacher's room, locker room, corridors and behind the curtain on the stage. Additional classrooms should be the number one priority in our educational program.

Under Title I, a federally funded program, approximately forty students are receiving individualized or small group instruction in the language arts area. Miss Dorothy Beckwith, Administrator of Elementary Education, is the director of the program assisted by Mrs. Alice Lopresti, two instructional aides and the principal. A Parent Council entitled "ZAP" works with the above group.

A Health Workshop for grades K thru 6 took place this past summer. Teachers from the three towns worked together and compiled a curriculum for each grade level. Before implementation of the program, parents, teachers, members of the school committee and administrators will discuss the controversial areas to be taught.

The art program is continuing to show increased improvements. Additional materials have been received to allow for a wider participation in new learning experiences. Recycling has always been an important part in our program, but today is fast becoming a more intricate part of this program. Grades 2,3 and 4 and the transition room receive art instruction twice a week while grades 1 and 5 receive instruction once a week. Art classes are extremely large leaving little room to work. Each child must work at his own desk. Storage and work space is even more scarce. All of these conditions impose many limitations on art programs. An art room with tables, cubicles or just a room is desperately needed.

Our vocal music program under the supervision of Mrs. Barbara Wallace is second to none. She gets excellent results from the students as evidenced by the fall and spring concerts.

This year, seventy-five children are learning to play a musical instrument. That number represents about thirty percent of the fourth and fifth grade students. The music teachers, Mr. Otto, Mr. Osofsky, Mr. Silva and Mr. Polk, meet with their respective students for a one half hour lesson per week. In addition, Mr. Polk conducts one band rehearsal each week.

The special services offered by our therapist, Mrs. Kathleen Slagel and the learning disabilities teacher, Miss Pamela Smith, are most helpful to students with specific problems. We have coordinated an "In House Team" which meets each week to evaluate students with special needs. A teacher from each grade level serves on the team with the personnel in special services, the nurse and the principal.

CAFETERIA

Mrs. Grace French, Cafeteria Manager, and her assistants continue to serve a well balanced meal for a nominal fee. Both schools are serviced by the Dighton Elementary kitchen.

MAINTENANCE

Mr. Edward Torres, Head Custodian, and Mr. Edmond Richard, his assistant, keep the building and school grounds in excellent condition.

APPRECIATION

In conclusion, my thanks go first to Mr. Robert T. Roy, Superintendent of Schools, the Dighton School Committee, my full time as well as part time faculty, all building personnel, students, parents and friends for their untiring cooperation and effort. With this type of excellence we can only produce a winning team.

Respectfully submitted,
DR. ROSE BORGES
Supervising Principal

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Dear Mr. Roy

The report of the Health Program for the Dighton Schools for the 1972-1973 School year is as follows:

Visual Tests:

837 students were tested by Titmus Optical Tester. 49 students failed this test. 28 new referrals were completed. 12 others were being followed by eye specialists.

Audio Tests:

837 students were tested by Maico Audiometer. 12 students were referred to ear specialists. 5 new referrals were completed and all others are receiving care.

Physical Examinations:

Grades 1, 4, 7 and Athletic Physicals.

310 students were examined by Dr. Charles Souza, School Physician. 45 students were referred to their family physician for further evaluation. 27 of these referrals were completed.

Tuberculin Tests:

9/25/72 Heaf Clinic — 270 students in Grades 1, 4, and 7, and 19 school personnel were tested. 7 of those tested were positive reactors.

10/5/72 Mantou tests done on all positive reactors. All tests were negative.

Immunization Program:

Complete immunization was again offered to all Dighton children at six clinics held throughout the school year. The summary of these clinics follows:

12/1/72 Measles, Rubella Clinic

Measles-Rubella Vaccine	5
Measles Vaccine	2
Rubella Vaccine	57

3/16/73 Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Measles, Polio Clinic

D.P.T.	19
T.D.	147
Measles Vaccine	9
Polio Vaccine	246

4/13/73 Mumps, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Measles, Polio

D.P.T.	15
T.D.	134
Measles	1
Mumps	122
Polio	32

5/13/73 Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Mumps, Polio

D.P.T.	20
Polio	22
Mumps	4

5/18/73 Measles, Rubella

Measles Vaccine	172
Rubella Vaccine	18

Statistics proved a sharp rise in the incidence of regular measles in the past year. Children who were vaccinated during the first year of life, appeared to be the group most affected. Therefore, the Massachusetts Department of Health advised revaccination of these children. An additional survey of health records was made, slips sent to parents and a clinic was held in May to accommodate this group.

In accordance with new state laws, there will be a change in the procedure for school examinations for new students. All students enrolling in kindergarten and new students enrolling in first grade, will be required to have a complete physical examination before the start of the 1974-1975 school year. Forms will be available at the time of registration.

With the implementation of the new laws on education in the next school year, the school nurse's role will be broadened. Collaboration between medicine, nursing, and education can effectively improve the health status and education of all children. I look forward to this program with enthusiasm.

Again my thanks to the administration, the personnel of both buildings, and the community for their cooperation, assistance and great response to the school health programs.

Respectively submitted,
CAROLYN M. BOOTH, R.N.
School Nurse

ENROLLMENT — OCTOBER 1, 1973

DIGHTON SCHOOLS

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	Sp. Class	Total
Dr. Rose Borges, Principal								
Teachers:								
Carol Stafford	51							51
Donna Zasmuta	25							25
Marilyn Bamberger		26						26
Kathy Fischer		13						13
Karen Yegidis		26						26
Karen Vatcher		25						25
Helen Lane			13					13
Carolyn Melesky			31					31
Cheryl Szostek			30					30
Linda Carter			30					30
Susan Thomson				33				33
Donna Sunderland				33				33
Nancy Durfee				30				30
Stella Horrocks					27			27
Joan LaFrance					28			28
Helena Chamberlain					29			29
Mary DeMello					29			29
June Lange						34		34
David Avila						31		31
William Kelleher						34		34
In Rehoboth							9	9
	76	90	104	96	113	99	9	587

DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Grade	6	7	8	Total
Leo T. Wontkowski, Principal				
Teachers:				
Richard Carney	29			29
Linda Ferreira	29			29
James McClellan	30			30
Frederick Stinson		16	14	30
Judith Parker		20		20
John Needs		14	14	28
Thomas Sherlock		14	13	27
Salvatore Caiozzo		15	15	30
Elizabeth Davis		15	14	29
Raymond Medeiros		12	18	30
Eunisa Wordell			24	24
	88	106	112	306

AGE — GRADE ENROLLMENT — OCTOBER 1, 1973

Grade	AGE													Total
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
K	23	52	1										76	
1		23	66	1									90	
2			18	76	9	1							104	
3				13	77	6							96	
4					17	79	14	3					113	
5						11	76	10	2				99	
6							11	69	6	2			88	
7								23	69	13	1		106	
8									12	84	15	1	112	
Sp. Ed.				1	2		3	2	1				9	
	23	75	85	91	105	97	104	107	90	99	16	1	893	

DIGHTON SCHOOL FACULTY — December 31, 1973

Dighton Elementary School

Name	Home Address	Education	Appt'd.
Principal			
Dr. Rose E. Borges	2520 Pleasant St., Dighton	Calvin Coolidge College	1927
Faculty			
David G. Avila, B.S.	101 Sagamore St., New Bedford	Bridgewater State College	1973
Marilyn C. Bamberger, B.A.	205A Winthrop St., Taunton	University of Rhode Island	1970
Linda Carter, B.S.	266 County St., Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1969
Helena Chamberlain	1075 Middle St., No. Dighton	Framingham Normal	1961
Mary M. DeMello, B.S.	1928 County St., Dighton	Lowell State Teacher's College	1964
Nancy L. Durfee, B.S.	224 So. Walker St., Taunton	Murray State College	1962
Kathy A. Fischer, B.A.	48 Wheeler Cir., Stoughton	Arizona State University	1973
Stella M. Horrocks, B.S.	1159 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Bridgewater State College	1964
Mary Isidorio, B.S.	59 School St., Taunton	S.M.U.	1972
Dolores C. Johnson, A.B.	Mill St., Assonet	Salve Regina College	1965
William F. Kelleher, A.B.	924 High St., Fall River	St. Mary's College	1971
Joan LaFrance, B.S.	488 Spring St., N. Dighton	Bridgewater State College	1968
Helen M. Lane, B.S.	1286 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	New Britain Teachers' College	1968
June Lange, B.S.	1265 Burt St., Taunton	So. Conn. State College	1970
Carolyn H. Melesky, B.S.	Box 180, Grove St., E. Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1966
Carol L. Stafford, B.S.	1311 Burt St., Taunton	Roger Williams College	1972
Donna Lee Sunderland, B.S.	800 County St., Taunton	So. Conn. State College	1970
Cheryl Szostek, B.A.	193 Waterman Ave., E. Providence	Anna Maria College	1970
Susan L. Thomson, B.S.	1286 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Bridgewater State College	1972

Name	Home Address	Education	Appt'd.
Karen Vatcher, B.A.	3½ Beacon St., Attleboro	University of Massachusetts	1970
Karen Yegidis, B.S.	2930 Pawtucket Ave., Riverside	Rhode Island College	1971
Donna Zasmuta, B.A.	2792 Elm St., Dighton	Mt. St. Mary's College	1973
Principal			
Leo T. Wontkowski, M.Ed.	992 West St., Attleboro	Bridgewater State College	1967
Faculty			
Salvatore L. Caiozzo, A.B.	11 Westwood Manor Dr., Johnston	Providence College	1971
Richard C. Carney, B.A.	10 E. Britannia St., Taunton	Pembroke State College	1970
Elizabeth Cummings	525 Main St., Dighton	Mod. Sch. of Fashion Design	1970
Elizabeth W. Davis, M.A.	44 Algonquin Rd., Rumford	Rhode Island College	1968
Linda Ferreira, B.S.	348 Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton	Bridgewater State College	1972
James McClellan, B.A.	59 Oak St., Taunton	Providence College	1971
Raymond J. Medeiros, B.A.	17 Ron Cir., Taunton	Providence College	1969
John S. Needs, B.A.	7 South St., Taunton	University of Mass.	1967
Judith Parker, B.A.	109 Francine Rd., Raynham	Bridgewater State College	1972
Wallace R. Potts	32 Herod St., Cranston	Rhode Island College	1966
Joan Prendergast, M.Ed.	28 Baker St., Foxboro	Wichita State Univ.	1973
Thomas M. Sherlock, Jr., B.S.	112 Delaware Ave., Somerset	St. Peter's College	1971
Frederick B. Stinson, Jr., B.S.	344 O'Neil Blvd., Attleboro	Bridgewater State College	1970
Charles Wakefield, M.Div.	18 N. Main St., Raynham	Eastern Nazarene College	1973
Eunisa G. Wordell, B.S.	1458 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Boston University	1963

Name	Home Address	Education	Appt'd.
Administrator of Elementary Education			
Dorothy L. Beckwith, M.Ed.	33 Broad St., Rehoboth	Boston University	1962
Administrator of Secondary Education			
Joseph C. Harrington, M.S.	54 School St., Rehoboth	University of Mass.	1972
Elementary Music Supervisor			
Barbara L. Wallace, B.M.	Elm St., R.D.#1, Taunton	Boston University	1966
ESEA Title I			
Alice Lopresti, B.S.	13 Broadway, Raynham	Bridgewater State College	1973
Dayle M. Bradshaw, B.A.	1425 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Bridgewater State College	1973
Katherine Curneen, B.S.	9 Water St., Middleboro	Bridgewater State College	1973
Special Educational Services			
Director			
Russell F. Latham, M.Ed.	16 Williams St., Rehoboth	Bridgewater State College	1965
Part Time Instructors			
J. Carol Angus, B.S.	No. Main St., Assonet	Bridgewater State College	1970
George E. Costa, Jr., M.Ed.	2 Clarendon St., Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1972
Richard Lawson, M.A.	2 Davis St., Rehoboth	Rhode Island College	1971
John Masciarelli, B.A.	1376 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Boston University	1966
Elizabeth J. Meunier, B.A.	87 Washington St., Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1970
Robert W. Otto, B.M.	Brookhaven Dr., Attleboro	Ithaca College	1972
Peter Polk, B.A.	113 Freeman St., Norton	University of Mass.	1969
Kathleen C. Slagel, B.S.	550 Taunton Ave., E. Providence	New York State Univ.	1971
Pamela Smith, B.A.	188 Winthrop St., Taunton	S.M.U.	1973

Name	Home Address	Education	Appt'd.
Mary Perry	Elementary Secretary 1433 Pine St., No. Dighton		
Marion Parchesco	Junior High Secretary 1224 Main St., Dighton		
Lois B. Munroe	Secretary, Director of Special Services 9 Perryville Rd., Rehoboth		
Doris A. Wood	Secretary, Administrator of Secondary Education R.D. Berkley St., Berkley		
Jean Coelho	Teacher Aides 613 School St., No. Dighton		
Barbara A. Deane	23 Kirk Ter., N. Dighton		
Eleanor Dupont	2447 County St., Dighton		
Della Hathaway	463 Hart St., Dighton		
Virginia Peterson	Cedar St., Dighton		
Alice Souza	1679 Elm St., Dighton		
Mary Sweeney	Karen Dr., No. Dighton		
John M. Amaral, B.A.	Instructional Aides 521 Kingman St., E. Taunton	Providence College	1973
Louise Borges	367 Winthrop St., Taunton	University of Rhode Island	1973
Wendy Cute, B.A.	104 Hart St., Taunton	Ohio Wesleyan	1973
Patricia Genovese	243 High St., Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1972

Ann M. Holmes, B.S.	Berkley St., Berkley	Rhode Island College	1973
Susan J. Hunter, B.S.	180 Moulton St., Rehoboth	Salem State College	1973
Valerie J. Stares, B.A.	219A Hart St., Taunton	Wheaton College	1973
Dorothy Torres	227 Summer St., No. Dighton	Bridgewater State College	1972

Cafeteria Personnel

Grace French, Mgr.	815 Center St., N. Dighton
Dora Ashley	2063 Elm St., Dighton
Nancy M. Carleton	1341 Smith St., Dighton
Viola Cotter	1150 Center St., Dighton
Louse G. Gomes	2050 Somerset Ave., Dighton
Barbara H. Mesrobian	2959 Pleasant St., Dighton
Lois B. Pacheco	507 Brook St., Dighton
Thelma Pierce	251 Main St., Dighton
Wilhelmina Torres	259 Main St., Dighton
Mary F. Weekley	Box 34, Dighton

Custodians

William G. Raposa	18 Center St., Dighton
Edmond Richard	250 Rose Ter., No. Dighton
Edward Torres	306 Tremont St., No. Dighton
John White	670 Main St., Dighton

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

This is the fourteenth annual report of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

ENROLLMENT

Our enrollment is a present 1,099 pupils. The increase over last year is about twenty pupils. We expect an increase of approximately forty more pupils in September, 1974, when a large eighth grade replaces a small twelfth grade.

SCHOOL PLANT

The plant, built for a comfortable 800 pupils, is now strained with 1,100 pupils. In seeking relief, the committee secured on a rental-purchase plan, six relocatable classrooms. While this is added space, they are ordinary classrooms and do not provide for needed space for science, library, physical education and shop programs. They are a 'stop gap' measure but we must come up immediately with some permanent additional facilities.

Citizens will be called upon in the near future to consider expanding the regional district to include Berkley. The decision will have to be made at that time as to whether or not you wish to build a small addition on your own or a larger and more complete addition with the help of Berkley not only paing toward the addition, but contributing their share of the cost of the original building.

The plant, despite the crowding, is generally in good shape due to the efforts of Mr. Howell Carr and his staff of custodians.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

As pointed out in the 1972 report, the evaluation committee of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools made several suggestions for improving the curriculum. In the area of vocational education, machine shop and machine drafting are now being offered as vocational courses. House carpentry is being planned for the fall of 1974. With a second teacher involved in home economics, we have been able to double the offerings in those courses. The two semester plan of scheduling courses will also allow pupils to take advantage of more practical offerings. A combination guidance and employment counselor will be sought for next fall to work with the non-college students.

A new course, "Cosmetology," has been added under the occupational education program. The course, developed under the Title III, P.C.C. Program, is run by LeBaron's School in Brockton. Seventeen girls from Dighton-Rehoboth attend this school for three hours per day for a period of two years. This is another example of several schools cooperatively offering a course no one school could afford.

We expect to initiate more new features into our programs as more space becomes available.

FACULTY

We lost seven faculty members last June for various reasons. Mrs. Margaret Kammerer Halliwell, a member of the first faculty of the regional school, after teaching for many years in Rehoboth and the regional school retired. We wish her well in her retirement and her second marriage. Of the remaining six, three left to be married, to be at home or moved out of state. The other three accepted positions in Florida and Rhode Island.

The faculty of the vocational school experienced a change when Mr. Charles O'Connell, a long time mill carpentry instructor at both Dighton and Dighton-Rehoboth, retired. Mr. O'Connell can look with pride to many of his former pupils who are very successful in their field of woodworking.

We were able to hire adequate replacements for these people and also hired six new teachers in the areas where new programs were being considered. Mr. Glen Field was hired to teach college preparatory mathematics. Mrs. Betsy McDermott took over the second position in home economics. Mrs. Jennifer Carlsten became the second art teacher. Miss Merriam Rovito is the teacher of developmental reading. This is a program we have needed for some time but we have been unable to find a teacher. Mr. Kenneth Labonte is the second teacher in the machine shop — machine drafting area. Miss Patricia Connors is new in the field of special education. The faculty now numbers seventy-three including administration.

FINANCES

The gross budget for the July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975, fiscal year is \$1,798,506.00. This will be reduced when the amount of anticipated income from tuition and state aid is determined.

The large increases are in the areas of salaries, transportation, operation and maintenance of plant and special education.

As far as salaries are concerned, the increase is due to normal increments along with the addition of six teachers. Transportation has increased due to increased cost of gasoline. Operation and maintenance increases are due to the increase in the price of fuel oil and other materials. The cost of heat and electricity has doubled.

New laws governing special education make it necessary to provide new programs and this means new staff. All these increases would indicate a general increase of twenty percent in the overall budget.

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank all members of the staff for their cooperation during the past year. Mrs. Agnès DelSignore has taken over very well for Mrs. Ella Jones, who retired last year. Mrs. Jones was the first manager of the cafeteria and through her untiring efforts she

built one of the best lunch programs in Massachusetts. Her triple choice menu and high quality food is unchallenged by most all schools. We salute Mrs. Ella Jones and wish her a long and satisfying retirement.

As I said previously, Mr. Howell Carr and his staff do well to keep the building in good repair.

The teaching staff has been most cooperative and most helpful in solving our many problems.

Finally I would like to thank the administrators, Mr. Marshall Sawyer, Principal, Mr. Nathan Lawrence, Vocational Director, Mr. Francis Marcille, Director of Occupational Education, Mr. Francis Vitale, Guidance Director, and Mr. George Petrin, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, for their untiring efforts to keep our school an excellent one.

To the parents and voters, we thank you for supporting us and urge you to continue your interest in your school.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT T. ROY
Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Expenditures 1973

CAPITAL COSTS

Bond Retirement		\$110,000.00
State Aid	\$68,335.83	
Appropriation	41,664.17	\$110,000.00

Interest on Bond Expenditures	\$30,955.00
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OPERATING COSTS

Item No.

1000	Administration	\$24,110.37	
2000	Instruction	848,920.70	
3000	Other School Services	87,835.25	
4000	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	129,599.96	
5000	Fixed Charges	66,385.35	
7000	Acquisition of Fixed Assets	36,379.13	
9000	Programs With Other Districts	4,378.56	
	Special Education	30,732.94	
	Vocational Day Program	61,999.59	
	Evening School Program	800.00	\$1,291,141.85

Receipts

State Reimbursement Transportation	\$47,478.48
Tuitions	102,115.38
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Cn. 74, Sec. 9 Maint. Vocational	11,135.00
Ch. 74, Sec. 10, Vocational	85.00
Ch. 74, Sec. 8A, Vocational	15.00
Bristol County Treasurer	
B/C-B/S Dividend	30.00
Other	988.00
	\$161,846.86

Net Operating Cost	\$1,129,294.99
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FEDERAL AID

National Defense Education Act

Title II

Balance, January 1, 1973	\$981.35
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Receipts	1,020.52
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	\$2,001.87
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Expenditures	1,346.80
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Balance, December 31, 1973	\$655.07
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National Defense Education Act

Title III

Balance, January 1, 1973	\$816.00
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National Defense Education Act

Title V

Balance, January 1, 1973	\$1,102.50
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Vocational Education-Work Study Program (P.L.90-576)

Receipts	\$1,081.00
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Balance, December 31, 1973	\$1,081.00
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Vocational Education-Occupational

Gen. Laws, P.L. 90-576

Balance, January 1, 1973	\$35.86
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U. S. Grant — George Barden Funds

Balance, January 1, 1973	\$500.34
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